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## PHENOMENAL TRADE LOSSES

### IN HONG KONG MARKET

#### JAPANESE CAPTURE PIECE GOODS TRADE.

#### SOME STRIKING FIGURES

Prefacing its monthly report on the trade of the Colony of Hong Kong for January, 1931, the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department states that as the huge falling-off in the exports of British cotton piece goods to the China market is one of the main problems which is being investigated by the British Economic Mission, it would be of considerable interest to analyse the figures of the imports of British and Japanese cotton piece goods into Hong Kong during the years 1930 and 1924.

#### SELF-EXPLANATORY TABLE

It is not within the province of this report to assign reasons for the phenomenal losses sustained by British manufacturers in the Hong Kong market, but the self-explanatory table below will show at first sight that while Japan's share of the trade in 1930 (allowing for the three unrecorded months) approximated that of 1924, the British figure fell by over \$2,500,000.

	1924	1930 (Apr.-Dec.)
United Kingdom	\$3,090,940	\$251,253
Japan	\$1,837,395	\$1,295,241
Total all countries	\$15,404,395	\$19,787,000
Total all countries	\$5,559,772	\$1,948,624
H.K. 1924=2s. 4d.; 1930=1s. 3d.		
In 1924 Great Britain recorded 55.59 per cent. of the total imports of cotton piece goods into Hong Kong, while the Japanese proportion amounted to 33.40 per cent. The position was reversed in 1930 when the Japanese share reached 66.47 per cent. and the British share fell to 33.41 per cent.		

Cotton piece goods prices fell considerably in 1930 as compared with 1924 and, taking this factor into consideration, it would be reasonable to assume that the total volume of cotton piece goods entering Hong Kong from Japan in 1930 was approximately to, if not in excess of, the volume imported in the boom year 1924.

From the following comparative table of the chief items of cotton piece goods imported from the United Kingdom and Japan during the nine months April-December, 1930, it will be noted that in practically every line the quantities imported from Japan were far greater than those from the United Kingdom. For the purpose of easy comparison the Japanese figures are given in brackets:—

Unbleached Cottons.		
	Pcs.	\$
Drills & Ducks	9,944	208,000
Shirtings	(263,785)	(2,009,000)
Grey	277	5,900
Shirtings	(230)	(8,000)
Grey, 10 lb.	(26,000)	(179,000)
Shirtings	14,916	48,000
Grey (other)	(84,580)	(658,000)
T. Cloths	(179,214)	(627,000)
Others	800	12,000
Bleached Cottons.		
	Pcs.	\$
Drills & Ducks	20,054	395,000
Shirtings (white)	(29,749)	(197,000)
Shirtings, white	20,884	378,000
40/45 Yds.	(207,095)	(1,847,000)
Shirtings, white	4,988	88,000
78/88 Yds.	18,104	574,000
Others	(84,907)	(246,000)
Light Cotton Fancies.		
	Pcs.	\$
Lawn	100,924	65,000
Lenos, etc.	(231,344)	(80,000)
Shirtings	829,857	105,000
Fancy	(1,705,235)	(308,000)
Bleached	225,792	59,000
Shirtings	(1,821,402)	(824,000)
Others	67,853	76,000
Cashmeres	(4,021,472)	(949,000)
Cashmeres	238,085	193,000
Dyed Drills & Jeans	(7,507,582)	(2,082,000)
Cotton	58,164	81,000
Flannelettes	(8,202,141)	(699,000)
Flannelettes	(2,884,938)	(895,000)
Italiana	113,587	67,000
Poplins	(4,217,885)	(1,395,000)
Dyed Reds	481,289	281,000
Special	(1,897,009)	(861,000)
Stripes	(1,079,490)	(183,000)
Stripes	716	1,000
Dyed	90,166	64,000
Twills	(286,710)	(93,000)

## BILL TO BAN SOVIET CONVICT GOODS.

Approved by Large Majority in U.S.  
FORCED LABOUR.

Washington, Yesterday. The House of Representatives, by an overwhelming majority, passed the Kendall Hawley Bill, strengthening the 1930 Tariff Act against convict-made goods entering the United States. The bill makes the prohibition effective on April 1, 1931, instead of January 1, 1932, and applies to the embargo against goods handled, transported, loaded, or unloaded wholly or partly by convicts or forced labour, as well as against goods manufactured by such workers. It also admits depositions from United States agents abroad in proving the employment of convict labour. Reuter's American Service.

#### FINE LATER.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has strengthened and is now central to the north of the lower Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and strong to fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—N. E. winds; fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

#### Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.02. Rainfall since January 1—0.69 inch against an average of 2.83 inches—deficit 2.14 inches.

#### Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—  
Hong Kong ..... 53  
Macao ..... 49  
Pratas Island ..... 67  
Manila ..... 46  
Fochow ..... 46  
Amoy ..... —  
Swatow ..... 24  
Chefoo ..... 38  
Shanghai ..... 38

#### JANUARY FIGURES.

Imports of merchandise during the month of January recorded a small increase as compared with December, while exports receded slightly. The figures are given hereunder, the December totals being given in brackets:—

Imports.	
Merchandise	\$59,569,025 (\$59,110,160)
Treasure	\$ 5,263,164 (\$ 4,683,548)
Total	\$64,832,189 (\$63,793,708)
Exports.	
Merchandise	\$47,973,829 (\$48,509,929)
Treasure	\$10,845,988 (\$ 9,568,845)
Total	\$58,819,817 (\$58,073,744)

Calculating in terms of Hong Kong currency, which has steadily depreciated since April, it is exceedingly difficult to present an accurate picture of the fluctuations in the actual volume of merchandise handled in the port, and the figures for the ten months ended January, 1931, have therefore been converted into sterling at the following rates of exchange:—  
April ..... 1s. 6 1/2d.  
May ..... 1s. 5 1/2d.  
June ..... 1s. 3 1/2d.  
July ..... 1s. 3 1/4d.  
August ..... 1s. 3 1/4d.  
September ..... 1s. 3 1/4d.  
October ..... 1s. 3 1/4d.  
November ..... 1s. 3 1/4d.  
December ..... 1s. 1 1/4d.  
January ..... 11 1/2d.

Imports.	
April	\$38,405,238 (\$38,451,719)
May	\$54,305,837 (\$54,388,833)
June	\$38,582,820 (\$38,582,820)
July	\$52,370,877 (\$52,370,877)
August	\$49,183,181 (\$49,183,181)
September	\$56,772,414 (\$56,772,414)
October	\$58,168,170 (\$58,168,170)
November	\$55,110,372 (\$55,110,372)
December	\$50,110,160 (\$50,110,160)
January	\$59,569,025 (\$59,569,025)
Total	\$515,033,624 (\$515,033,624)

Imports from United Kingdom. The total imports from the United Kingdom amounted to \$7,881,348 as compared with \$4,574,468 in December, the British share of the whole import representing 13.15 per cent. as compared with 7.74 per cent. in December.

## ATTACK ON GANDHI

"SEDITIONOUS, HALF-NAKED FAKIR."

### SUPREME ISSUE

#### MR. CHURCHILL ASKS CONFIDENCE VOTE.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Winston Churchill to-night sought a vote of confidence from his constituents for his attitude towards India, which involved his resignation from the Conservative "shadow cabinet."

Addressing the Council of West Essex Unionist Association at a meeting in London convened at his request, Mr. Churchill re-



Mr. Winston Churchill.

viewed the position in India, saying that he was unable to serve any administration about whose Indian policy he was not reassured. He said it was alarming and nauseating to see Gandhi, a "Middle Temple lawyer and now a seditious fakir striding half-naked up the steps of the Viceregal Palace to parley on equal terms with the representative of the King Emperor."

Gandhi's well-known aims were a strange basis for the discussions, which were intended to be



Mr. Gandhi.

the preliminary to another Round Table Conference in India. It was vital that the Conservative Party should immediately arouse public opinion. He intended to do his best. It would be much strengthened if his constituents gave him a vote of confidence in India.

This was no ordinary Party question. It was a supreme issue comparable to August 4, 1914, and comparable to the General Strike. To entrust the welfare of 3,000 million millions to the oligarchy of Hindu politicians would mean their exploitation and oppression, similar to the proletariat in China.

It would be shameful to act in cowardice, desertion, and dishonour. He concluded: "The decisive opportunity may soon be at hand. The Victory may again reward the Conservative Party." Let it be a victory which shall proclaim to the world that the heart of the Empire is true and its hand just and strong.

#### Vote of Confidence.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution of unshaken confidence in Mr. Churchill. Reuter.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE COMPANY.

Increase in Land and Building Investment.

### LARGE OVERDRAFT.

The annual meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., was held in the Hong Kong Hotel this morning. Mr. H. Humphreys presiding, supported by Messrs. J. Scott Harston, C. Gordon Mackie and J. H. Taggart. The shareholders present were Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, D. E. Clark, C. Bernard Brown, and Frank Austin. The Directors and auditors were unanimously re-elected.

Chairman's Address. In submitting the report for the year the Chairman said: Gentlemen,—With your permission I propose to follow the usual procedure and take the report and accounts as read.

The profit is \$19,000 better than last year, but nearly \$14,000 of this is accounted for by appropriating the balance at credit of Reserve for Share Defalcations after paying for all expenses and satisfying all claims.

I may mention here that we now have a half yearly audit of the Share Register and Transfers, which accounts for the increase of \$400 under the heading of auditors' fees.

Turning to the balance sheet the amount invested in land and buildings has increased by \$89,875.31, representing further expenditure on the four new flats and ten garages at May Road. On the liabilities side, Special Repairs and Renewals Account has been reduced by \$9,041.20. We propose transferring \$10,786.15 to this Account, bringing it up to \$20,000.

A Lakh Overdraft. You will notice that the overdraft with bankers is approximately a lakh and a half more than last year, and this was one factor that prompted your Directors to call an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders on December 29 last to sanction an increase in capital. The capital of the Company was last increased as long ago as 1904, and you will, no doubt have observed that against our capital of a million and a half, we have two million seven hundred thousand invested in property. Apart from this your Directors considered the time opportune to take advantage of the money market, and we do not anticipate any difficulty in maintaining the usual dividend of 8 per cent. on the increased Capital, which will rank for dividend as from May 1, 1931.

Rent Increase. Rent account has only increased by \$9,056.59, but it has to be borne in mind that our new flats, on May Road, were only revenue producing from July 1 last.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment. I now beg to propose that the sum of \$193,651.65 available for appropriation be allocated as follows:—  
Pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share ..... \$120,000.00  
Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals A/c ..... 10,786.15  
Transfer to a Building Improvement A/c ..... 15,000.00  
Carry forward to new Profits and Loss A/c ..... 47,775.50  
\$193,651.65

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There was a struggle for possession of the weapon and during the struggle the revolver "broke," and, being a self-ejector, all the cartridges fell out. These were two live round and three empty shells. Mr. Manton took the revolver from the accused and then went to the Police Station.

The accused also went to the Police Station later and it was extraordinary that on entering she asked where her cell was.

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## WANCHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Trial of Mrs. Xavier at Assizes.

### PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier claimed trial at the Assizes this morning in connection with the Wanchai shooting affair.

The case was before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) and a jury, the charges being as under:—  
(1)—that she on December 27, at Wanchai, unlawfully and maliciously wounded A. J. Manton with intent to murder;  
(2)—that she on December 27, at Wanchai, unlawfully and maliciously shot at and wounded A. J. Manton with intent to maim, disfigure, disable, or to do some other grievous bodily harm; and  
(3)—that she on December 27, at Wanchai, unlawfully and maliciously shot at and wounded A. J. Manton.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, whilst Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., (instructed by Tso and Hodgson) was for the defence.

Case for the Crown. After explaining the legal aspect of the three charges preferred against Mrs. Xavier, which are in the nature of alternative charges, Mr. Fitzroy proceeded to present the facts of the case to the jury.

He said that on December 27, 1930, the prisoner and Mr. Manton were living in Wanchai as man and wife—in fact, they had been so living together for some six years. There had been a certain amount of trouble and they had come to the point where they were separating.

On the morning of December 27 the accused went to Kowloon and there saw her sister whose husband held a licence for a small five-chamber revolver. This revolver was kept loaded in a drawer of the wardrobe.

During the visit to her sister, the prisoner was left alone in the house whilst the sister went to her bath. Whilst the sister was in the bathroom the prisoner left the house, and when the sister came out she found that accused had gone.

By His Lordship: The accused called at the house some time after 10 a.m., and it had not been definitely ascertained what time she left the house.

Revolver Taken Away. Proceeding, Mr. Fitzroy said that at about 1.30 p.m. the accused's sister received a note from accused as the result of which she examined the wardrobe and found that her husband's revolver had been taken away and her bunch of keys were left in the lock.

Outlining what happened at the house in Wanchai occupied by the accused and Mr. Manton, Mr. Fitzroy said that Mr. Manton came in at about 12.55 p.m. and saw the accused there. They had a conversation and then Mr. Manton sat down to his meal.

Stung to Action. He had not been long at the table when he heard two shots behind him, and then another. He paid no attention to the first two shots but felt the third enter his arm and he was stung to action. Turning round, he saw the accused with the revolver (produced) in her hand.

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## TAKING BREAD FROM THEIR MOUTHS

Slashing Attack on Home Interests.

### AUSTRALIA AND THE WAR.

Sydney, Yesterday. The Premier, Mr. Lang, made a slashing attack on "Australia's financial masters" when addressing a huge and enthusiastic meeting to support the Labour candidate at East Sydney in the Federal by-election.

He said that "fourteen years ago Overseas interests, by conspiracy through the Australian Governments, attempted to take her sons to give their lives in the battlefields. To-day the self-same interests were working in the same channels. They wanted to take the bread from the mouths of the sons and daughters of Australia to satisfy their insatiable greed."

The new South Wales Labour movement dissociates itself from the proceedings between the Premiers' Conference and the Banks and the latter's conditions of loan, namely, the suspension of the social services, and a reduction of pensions and wages."

Mr. Lang outlined the New South Wales plan to help Australia, namely, firstly withholding payment of Overseas interests on the grounds of Australia's indebtedness as the result of her efforts to help Britain in War-time; secondly, altering the currency by substituting "a goods standard for it."—Reuter.

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One bullet in the back was removed by the doctor at the hospital, whilst another which went through the arm fell on the floor. The other one was split on hitting the shoulder blade and a part of the bullet went into the neck and was not extracted.

Demonstration in Court. Mr. Fitzroy then demonstrated with the revolver showing that there must be distinct motions of the finger to fire each round and that a certain amount of pressure was required on the trigger to fire the pistol. He emphasised that one motion of the finger alone, no matter what amount of pressure was placed on the trigger, could not discharge three shots.

Therefore, the Crown's case was that the shots were three deliberate shots taken at the man, each of which necessitated a distinct pressure on the trigger after it had been released.

"Spent Bullets." Dr. I. Newton was then called to give evidence. He described the three wounds, stating that the first was a flesh wound, the bullet having passed through the upper part of the right arm. The other two wounds were in the back, and in his opinion were probably fired from behind and slightly to the right.

Mr. Fitzroy: What would you say as to the ammunition in the pistol?—I should judge that they were spent bullets.

Witness went on to explain that one bullet had entered Mr. Manton's body, and split into two. It had not been extracted. There was no really serious damage done, but if the ammunition had been good the two wounds in the body might have been fatal.

Replying to Mr. d'Almada, witness said the shots showed a fairly considerable variation of aim, about eight inches, he thought.

His Lordship asked what clothing was worn by Mr. Manton. Mr. Fitzroy said Mr. Manton would give evidence on the point, if required. No clothing had been produced in the Magistrate's Court.

Mr. Manton's Story. Mr. A. J. Manton was next witness called. He described his arrival home at 12.55 p.m. on December 27. It was his practice to lunch alone. Prisoner, upon his arrival, told him that she had made all her arrangements, in view of their impending separation. Her husband and sisters would look after her, she told him, and she did not want the allowance of \$40 a month which had been promised her.

"I said that was all right," continued Mr. Manton, "and then she







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**GENERAL NOTICES**

**HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL  
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THE PRESIDENT and COMMITTEE of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society have been reluctantly compelled to CANCEL the Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables to be held at the City Hall on February 26, owing to the adverse effect of the prevailing bad weather on the plants and vegetables.

J. T. BAGRAM,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hong Kong, February 23, 1931.

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18th JUNE, 1931.

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On View from Thursday, February 26, 1931.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.  
Hong Kong, February 21, 1931.

**COMPANY MEETINGS**

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG, CANTON &  
MACAO STEAMBOAT  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JOHN ARNOLD,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

**THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
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Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ALLAN KEITH,  
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Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

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**ANNUAL RACE MEETING  
1931.**

February 28, March 2, 3, 4,  
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ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

**MEMBERS' BADGES &  
ENCLOSURE.**

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day, including tax—or \$40, including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tie, Hat men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

**SERVANTS' PASSES.**

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Lindeau & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT EVIL  
IN GERMANY.**

**Is There No Remedy  
Save the Dole?**

Berlin, Jan. 6.

Upsetting even the most pessimistic predictions made for the beginning of the new year, German unemployment returns soared above the four millions mark.

Thus Germany now has the largest unemployment burden in the world, a record that has once more induced the Press, and all sorts of experts, to discuss ways and means for improving this alarming state of affairs.

Some of the papers, in to-day's leading articles, speculate on the hint let out by the Minister of Finance, Herr Dietrich, in the course of a speech made at Stuttgart to the effect that the Government is contemplating the introduction of a fundamentally new method to cope with unemployment and to combat its demoralising effects.

This project apparently envisages the temporary subsidising of the key-industries at so much per head of every additional worker employed after a given date.

**Huge Unemployment Relief.**

The Minister pointed out that during the current fiscal year, the Reich and the municipalities are paying out approximately 3,000,000 marks, in unemployment relief and that, as there is no sign of the depression decreasing, there is every prospect that a similar sum must be mobilised during the next fiscal year which begins on April 1.

If part of that huge sum, the Minister added, could be used in stimulating production instead of financing enforced idleness, it would greatly benefit industry and commerce and, by the same token, would revive the spirits of four million citizens who are now on the verge of desperation.

Continuing, the Minister insisted that Germany's—and indeed the world's—plight must to a large extent be attributed to the reparations payments, adding, however, that "it is still too early to decide if and when the Government will reopen the reparations problem. All I can say is that under no circumstances will the Reich proceed in violation of the existing treaties."

Concluding, the Minister declared that the Government was determined not to surrender the helm to "political" and "financial" charlatans.

**Opposition Foreshadowed.**

While nothing definite is yet known regarding the alleged plans of Herr Dietrich to institute "productive" unemployment "relief" along the lines given above, this project is getting a mixed reception in German industrial quarters.

Men close to the "Federation of German Industries" are openly opposed to every kind of subsidisation and characterise the project as "extremely nebulous and detrimental to German credit," not to mention the fact that increased production is useless as long as there cannot be found the people to buy the products.



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**Government Of India's  
Delay.**

London, Jan. 29.

The Postmaster-General, in reply to a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the development of air mail services, foreshadows low charges for letters.

He says the suggestion of a uniform charge had proved extremely intricate, but this had now been satisfactorily settled and the proposed new charges will be published shortly.

The suggestion that the minimum weight of a unit should be reduced to a quarter of an ounce has been rejected.

On the subject of the Indian air mail the Postmaster-General sympathised with the Chamber's desire for the completion of the route to Australia across India, but said that the matter was solely for the Government of India.

The Post Office did not favour an accelerated schedule to India, which could not be regularly maintained, but he hoped that there would be a gradual improvement in speed. The Chamber replied urging that the Post Office should take the initiative in providing air mail transport and asking that the Government should make urgent representations to the Government of India that internal considerations should not deny the completion of the route, which was of vital importance to the Empire.

**WATER RETURN.**

The level and storage of water in our reservoirs on February 1, 1931, is as under—

**City and Hill District.**

	1930	1931
Tytam . . . . .	12' 5" B	25' 8" B
Tytam Byewash . . . . .	22' 1" B	28' 2" B
Tytam Intermediate . . . . .	19' 11" B	0' 4" B
Tytam Tuk . . . . .	37' 1" B	29' 0" B
Wong Nei Chung . . . . .	22' 1" B	21' 5" B
Pokfulum . . . . .	14' 8" B	18' 8" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow". Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Tytam . . . . .	286.96	203.27
Tytam Byewash . . . . .	42	—
Tytam Intermediate . . . . .	101.13	193.08
Tytam Tuk . . . . .	670.01	808.00
Wong Nei Chung . . . . .	54.7	5.00
Pokfulum . . . . .	34.88	23.51
Total . . . . .	1,101.67	1,240.19

**Kowloon.**

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir . . . . .	2' 7" B	8' 8" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir . . . . .	18' 0" B	5' 0" B
Reception Reservoir . . . . .	2' 9" B	4' 10" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir . . . . .	326.05	278.23
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir . . . . .	79.00	98.80
Reception Reservoir . . . . .	25.98	31.05

Total . . . . . 431.03 378.08

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1930	1931
Consumption . . . . .	116.63	184.32
Estimated population 179,690		172,720

Consumption per head per day . . . . . 20.4 24.2  
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The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall: January 31, 1930, 2.28; January 31, 1931, .33.

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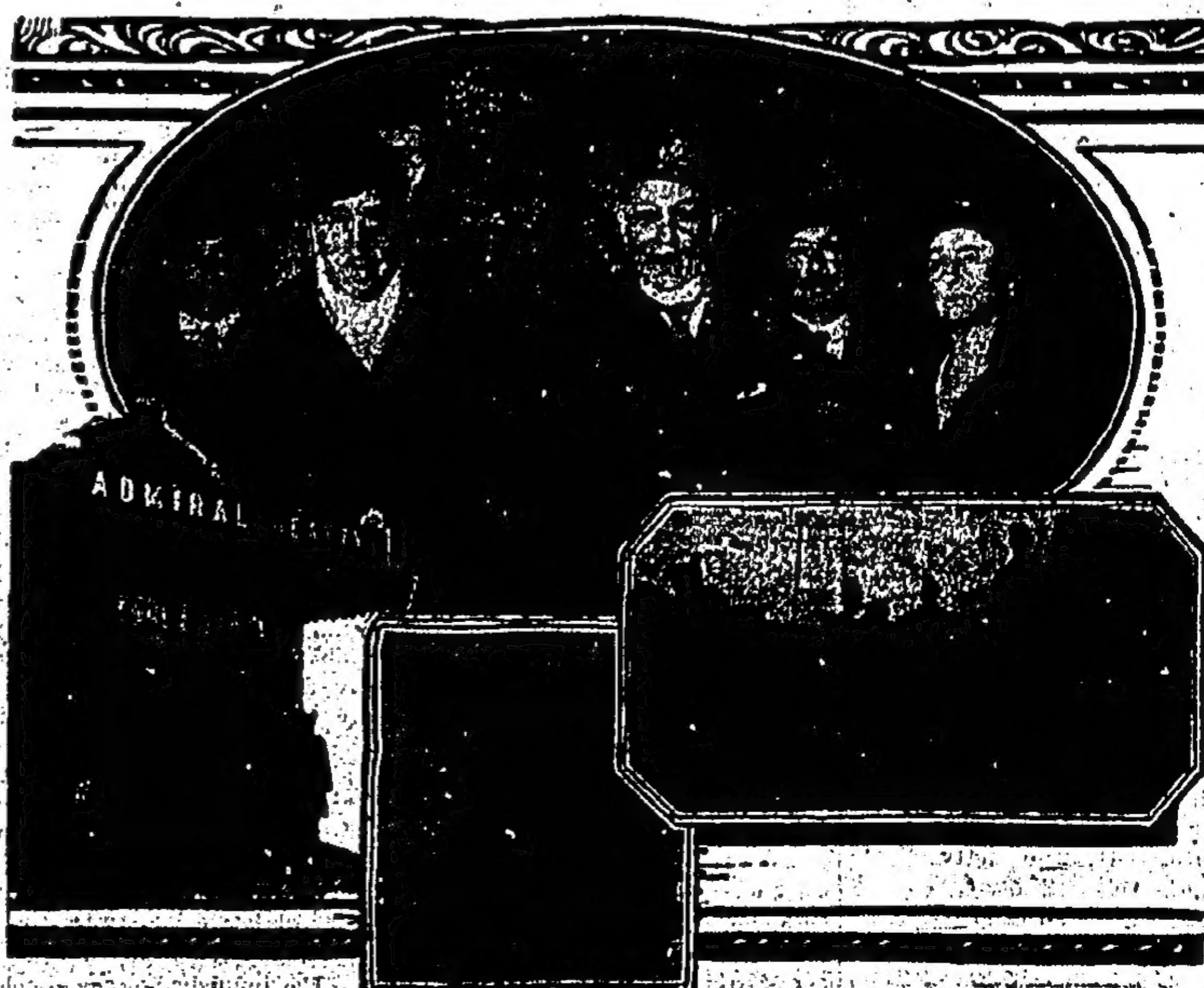
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**A Governor General Departs**



Full military honors were accorded Viscount Willingdon, on the occasion of his sailing from Saint John, N.B., in the Canadian Pacific liner "Montclare," on relinquishing his post as Governor General of Canada to assume that of Viceroy of India. The picture shows the viceroyal party on board ship, including Their Excellencies Viscount and Lady Willingdon; Captain G. Fitzgibbon McCombie, of the "Montclare"; Colonel Humphrey Snow, Commander of the Household; and Lieutenant D. H. Fuller, A.D.C., the inspection of the guard of honor, with Captain Streetfield, A.D.C., in the foreground; he had a special berth on the ship; taking the salute in front of the Admiral Esbury Hotel, and one of the gun-crews of the saluting battery on Partridge Island, which fired 19 guns as the liner passed, bearing Their Excellencies to England.



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HIYE MARU	Thursday, 25th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 7th March.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 21st March.
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 21st March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Thursday, 25th March.
ATSUTA MARU	Thursday, 25th March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Friday, 27th February.
TOKIWA MARU	Friday, 27th February.
KAGA MARU	Wednesday, 11th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Thursday, 5th March.
HEIYO MARU	Thursday, 5th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Wednesday, 25th February.
KAWACHI MARU	Wednesday, 25th February.
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday, 16th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Thursday, 12th March.
TAKETOYO MARU	Thursday, 12th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	Saturday, 14th March.
LYONS MARU (calls Saigon)	Saturday, 14th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Sunday, 1st March.
CALCUTTA MARU	Sunday, 1st March.
PENANG MARU	Sunday, 1st March.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	Saturday, 28th February.
MURORAN MARU	Saturday, 28th February.
TANGO MARU	Monday, 2nd March.
HAKOSAKI MARU	Friday, 6th March.

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Amazon Maru	Tues.	10th Mar.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Hawaii Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Sumatra Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Panama Maru	Tues.	3rd Mar.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Wed.	4th Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru	Tues.	31st Mar.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Hokuroku Maru	Thurs.	19th Mar.
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HAIPHONG via Hongkong & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	6th Mar.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Canton Maru	Sun.	1st Mar.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Doll Maru	Thurs.	28th Feb.

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## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—  
Bridgewater—South wall.  
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.  
Cumberland—West wall dock.  
Herald—East wall.  
Iroquois—East wall.  
Kent—North arm.  
Medway—No. 1 buoy.  
Olin—No. 1 buoy.  
Oswald—In dock.  
Otus—No. 1 buoy.  
Osiris—In dock.  
Petersfield—North arm.  
Seydlitz—No. 12 buoy.  
Seydlitz—No. 11 buoy.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

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# Shipping Intelligence.

## CHINA COAST.

### LATEST CHANGES IN SHIPPING PERSONNEL.

Mr. B. Rybaltovsky, second officer, Poyang, is on reserve.  
Mr. T. P. Lloyd, second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Poyang.  
Mr. E. M. Foster, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hsin Peking.  
Mr. R. J. Powrie, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, Hsin Peking.  
Mr. W. R. Kermode, chief officer, Sunning, has gone chief officer, Kwangtung.  
Mr. H. A. Settle, chief officer, Kiangsu, has gone chief officer, Sunning.  
Mr. J. Whyte, chief officer, Kwangtung, has gone chief officer, Kiangsu.  
Captain E. H. Histed, from Home leave, is on reserve.  
Captain F. A. Lovegrove, from Home leave, is on reserve.  
Mr. W. Dickinson, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Ichang.  
Mr. T. Malcolm, third officer, Anking, has gone second officer,

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The S.S. Somali which arrived in Hong Kong on February 21 on her maiden trip, is the first of a new class of fast cargo ships specially designed for the China trade. From Shanghai homeward these vessels will maintain approximately the same speed as the mail steamers, and will make the voyage from Hong Kong to Marseilles in about 28 days and London in 35 days. The S.S. Somali made the passage Singapore to Hong Kong from wharf to wharf in 9 1/2 hours.  
The length of the S.S. Somali is 459 feet and her beam 57 1/2 feet. She has a displacement of 15,540 tons gross dead weight, and a capacity of 10,000 tons, and she has insulated space for the carriage of approximately 70,000 cubic feet refrigerated cargo.  
The S.S. Somali will be followed by the S.S. Sudan in about a month's time.

privately-owned vessels and 50,000,000 for Government vessels. On January 1, 1931, it is approximately \$13,500,000 for privately-owned vessels and \$5,000,000 for Government vessels. Throughout the year there were no vessels of the strictly cargo type under construction.

"The total number of building ways now available in the United States for the construction of seagoing vessels is 82, with 62 on the east coast and 20 on the west coast, of which less than one-half is occupied at present. New construction has been confined to the east coast yards, there being no new construction of seagoing vessels placed on the west coast, although these yards have ample facilities for performing such work.  
"Of the new vessels definitely required to be built under the provisions of the mail contracts awarded by the Postmaster-General five have been delivered; sixteen are now under construction and thirty-three are still to be built within the next few years. In addition thirty-six vessels now in operation are required to be reconditioned or replaced by new tonnage during the next few years.  
"It is anticipated that construction of yachts, barges and miscellaneous small craft in 1931 will follow the general trend of business. Yacht building in the smaller yards has been active largely in the completion of contracts taken in 1929. There has been a distinct falling off of yacht contracts in 1930.

#### Small Craft.

"The same condition applies with reference to small craft such as canoes, barges and tugs, where there has been considerable activity in the completion of contracts taken in 1929. There is a dearth of new contracts, however, due to the general depression in business. There has been very little building of small craft on the west coast.

"As a result of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928, five vessels are now being extensively reconditioned and two others, for which construction loans were granted, have been completed. Shiprepairing on the east coast, Gulf and the west coast has shown a large falling off, particularly in the late months of 1930, due to the generally depressed conditions of business. The volume of work and the number of men employed are, therefore, well below normal for the year."

"Of naval work the report says: "Of the 8-in. gun scout cruisers authorized by the Act of February 13, 1929, only one can be contracted for prior to 1933. Under the Act this vessel can be started in 1931 and built either in a private shipyard or in a navy yard.

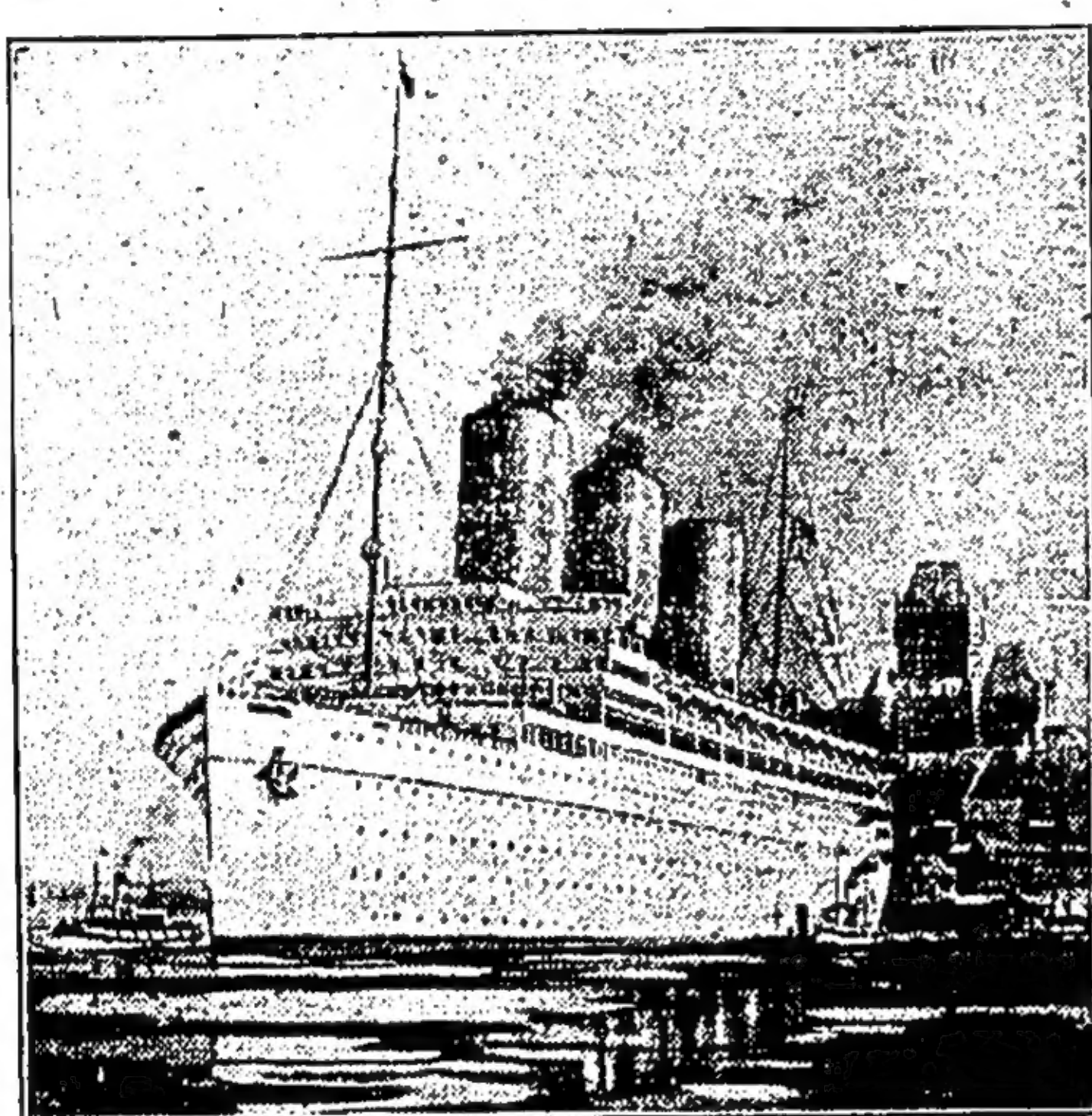
"The Administration's programme for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1931, calls for the construction of four submarines, ten destroyers, one aeroplane carrier, one destroyer leader, one 10,000-ton cruiser, mounted with experimental flying-off deck for aeroplanes, carrying 6-inch guns, and one 6-inch gun experimental cruiser.

"Appropriations are available under the Coast Guard for the construction during 1931 of the following vessels: Five to seven patrol boats, \$280,000 (approximately); ten to fifteen picket boats, \$24,000; tug for Lake Michigan, \$130,000, or a total of \$442,000.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, February 22.  
Burma Maru, Japanese str., 2,618 tons, Capt. S. Shirai, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.  
Courageous American str., 4,826 tons, Capt. T. F. Evans, from Manila, buoy No. A5—L. Everett, Inc.  
Tjimonos, Dutch str., 5,620 tons, Capt. J. A. Adams, from Amoy, buoy No. A3—J.C.J.L.  
Monday, February 23.  
Anking, British str., 2,047 tons, Capt. R. Ritchie, from Amoy, buoy No. A9—B. & S.  
Canton, French str., 576 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C5—M. M.  
Cheongshing, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. Burleigh, from Canton, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.  
Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,250 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Canton, Yantai Anchorage—Loong Tai Hong.  
Empress of Russia, British str., 16,810 tons, Capt. A. J. Hasken, R.N.R., from Vancouver, Kowloon Wharf—C.P.S.  
Halving, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. O. S. Olsen, from Bangkok, Stonecutters Anchorage—Thorstein & Co.  
Hirundo, Norwegian str., 1,125 tons, Capt. J. A. Pedersen, from Swatow, buoy No. C3—Thorstein & Co.

## New Sea Giant



When the Empress of Britain, now 42,500 ton liner launched last June by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the Atlantic service of the Canadian Pacific arrives here about a year from today on the 9th annual world cruise of the Canadian Pacific she will have the distinction of being the largest liner ever to cruise around the world. Decorated by famous Royal Academicians, the new liner will be a veritable art gallery as well as being the largest liner ever to reach this port.  
She will be famous for the amount of deck and room space devoted to each passenger. Above is an artist's impression of her huge new liner will look at Quebec. In the background is the internationally famous Canadian Pacific hotel, the Chateau Frontenac.

## SHIPBUILDING IN THE STATES.

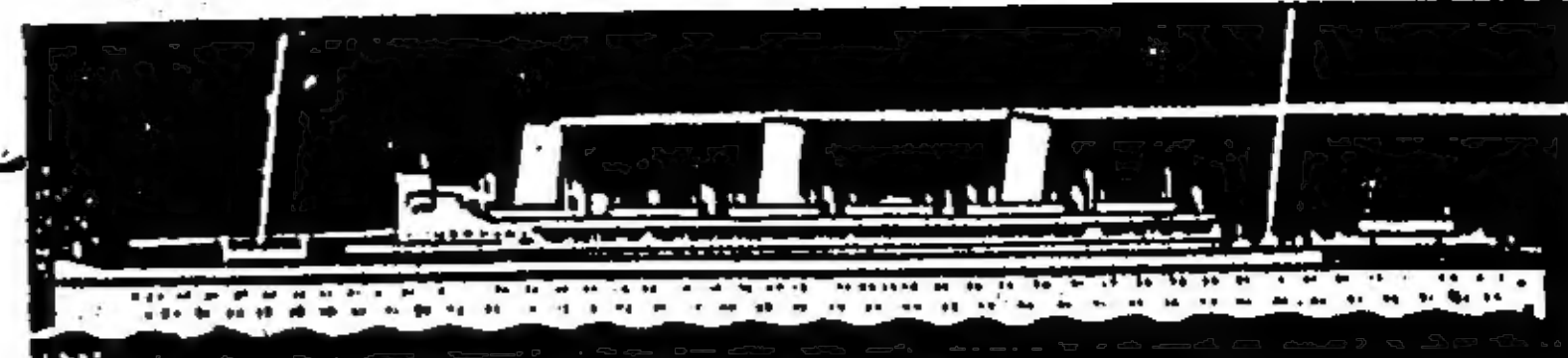
### Past, Present and Prospective.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The shipbuilding industry of the United States is now operating at about 50 per cent. of its normal capacity, according to the report of a survey made by the National Council of American Shipbuilders, which includes in its membership more than 90 per cent. of the shipyards and shiprepair organizations on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts and the Great Lakes. It is shown that the aggregate value of unfinished work on hand in the yards at the beginning of 1930 was greatly in excess of the total value of the work on hand at present.

At present, the report states, there are under construction in American shipyards 18 merchant vessels of the passenger and combination type, eight tankers, and two large yachts. The aggregate tonnage of these 28 vessels was about 308,300 gross tons. There are also under construction in private shipyards six Government vessels of a total displacement of 47,300 tons, consisting of three scout cruisers, one aeroplane carrier and two coastguard cutters.

Work in Sight.  
The number of men employed by the 20 coastal shipyards, including some men engaged on repair work, was 22,000 on January 1, 1930, and 26,000 on January 1, 1931. "The value of all unfinished work on hand in these shipyards on January 1, 1930," the report adds, "was approximately \$18,000,000 for



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Kiangsu, British str., 1,551 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Swatow, buoy No. A10—B. & S.  
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Rynsle Maru, Japanese str., 1,509 tons, Capt. T. Tanaka, from Sakito, buoy No. B24—M.B.K.  
Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from Canton, Taku Dock—B. & S.  
Stuart Dollar, American str., 4,355 tons, Captain A. Wilson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A12—

Dollar S.S. Line.  
Sulyang, British str., 1,590 tons, Captain Byrne, from Canton, buoy No. B20—B. & S.  
Talyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Captain R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. A8—B. & S.  
Wichita, American str., 3,856 tons, Captain D. Holth, from Shanghai, Lanchow Anchorage—L. Everett Inc.

## U.S. SHIPPING FUSION.

### Amalgamation Of Important Companies.

The amalgamation was announced in New York in mail week of the International Mercantile Marine Company, which controls the American, Red Star, Atlantic Transport, Panama-Pacific and Leyland Lines, and the Roosevelt Steamship Company. It is stated that the amalgamation of the companies will provide a world-wide shipping service.



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*ALIPPORE	5,273	3rd Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHIBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	9,114	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	10,508	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SODAN	9,114	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,114	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,085	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	10,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,065	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHIBER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	10,508	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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TAKADA	6,949	28th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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SANTHIA	7,754	4th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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RAWALPINDI	10,619	27th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	28th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPUR	9,715	6th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	7,754	13th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SODAN	9,114	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	26th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	10,508	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,114	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	9,085	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,056	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	12th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	10,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
EASGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	10,508	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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## ITALIAN SHIPPING AGREEMENT.

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At an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Navigazione Generale Italiana, which has a paid-up capital of 469,268,200 liras, it was announced that the net profits for the past year were 39,999,846 liras, against 39,757,366 liras for the year 1929. The meeting unanimously approved the report of the board, and the payment of a dividend of 40 liras for each share fully paid up on October 1, 1929, and a dividend of 16 liras for each share paid up to the extent of four-tenths and for each share of the 1926 issue paid up by last September.

The chairman, after referring to substantial modifications in the balance sheet, due to the construction of the new superliner, Rex, and reviewing the affairs of the company, said:—

"With regard to the traffic situation we find that, in the North Atlantic service the passenger traffic has remained fairly satisfactory during the period covered by this report, there being an increase in numbers in the lower classes, and a reduction in the higher ones, with a consequent reduction of the average rates obtained, due to the greater competition of foreign companies. On the South American service there has been an increase in the third class; while the other classes too, have given fairly favourable results, in spite of the increasing competition of foreign lines occasioning reduced results. The service with Central America had a much a favourable aspect which was, however, changed by the continual political disturbance occurring in the countries served by this line.

### The Australian Run.

"As a result of an agreement with the Lloyd Sabaud, we have decided to use on the Australian service new motor-vessels chartered from the Lloyd Triestino, namely the Remo and Viminale—similar vessels to the Remo and Esquiline chartered from the Lloyd Sabaud. The line, therefore, is served by modern vessels, economical and homogeneous, adapted for the special character of the cargo of the service, which gives us reason to hope for an increase in the number of passengers in the cabin class. With regard to third class passengers, however, a heavy blow has been struck by the Australian Government's recent decision which practically suppresses immigration. Our Government will certainly bear this in mind when drafting the new convention relative to this line, and which has been agreed upon for the putting into commission of the new vessels as a consequence of negotiations that are in course of completion.

"The cargo traffic necessarily feels the bitter protectionism of

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February 24 to March 2, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Feb	1st	2nd
Feb 24	11 11	17 10
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"In complete agreement with the suggestion of the Government the board will, of its own accord, reduce on and from December 1, 1930, the remuneration of its members by one-quarter, and the directors will also accept a reduction of 12 per cent. To the staff on land and sea will be applied the reductions agreed upon.

### Rates and Routes Agreement.

"In our report for the year 1927-1928 we announced the conclusion of an agreement between our company, the Lloyd Sabaud, and the Cosulich company, to enter into effect on and from July 1, 1928, for a period of three years with the object of co-ordinating the routes, rates, and treatment of passengers on the lines sailing to the North and South American continents, and for the partition of the net results corresponding to the total passenger traffic obtained by these lines.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 6th March, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th instant at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia, sailing for Manila at 10 p.m. yesterday, is due back at noon on February 27 (Friday), and will berth off Kowloon Docks prior to drydocking for annual overhaul.

The B.I. s.s. Takada will leave Amoy for this port on February 26, p.m., and is due here on February 27, p.m.

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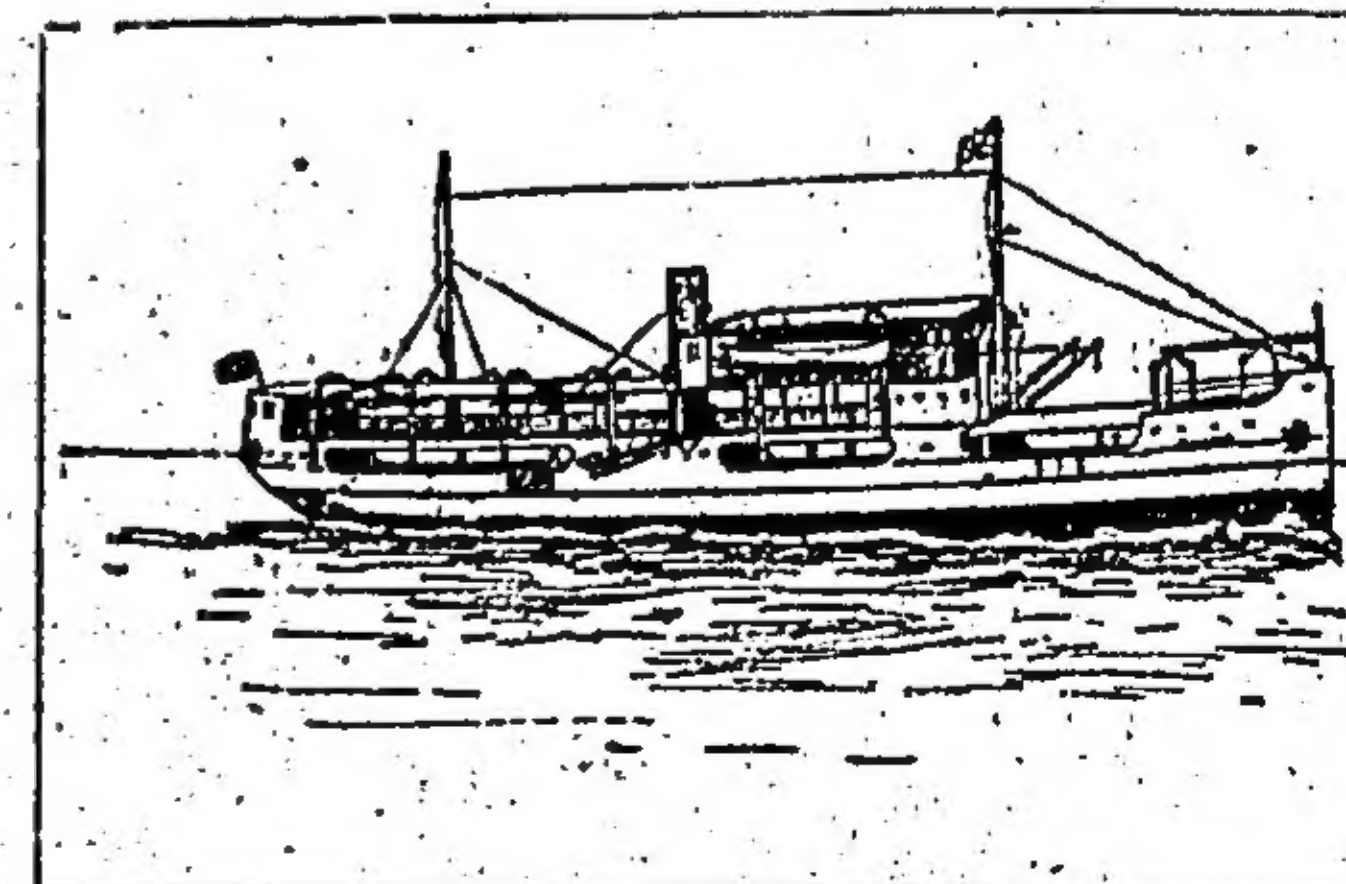
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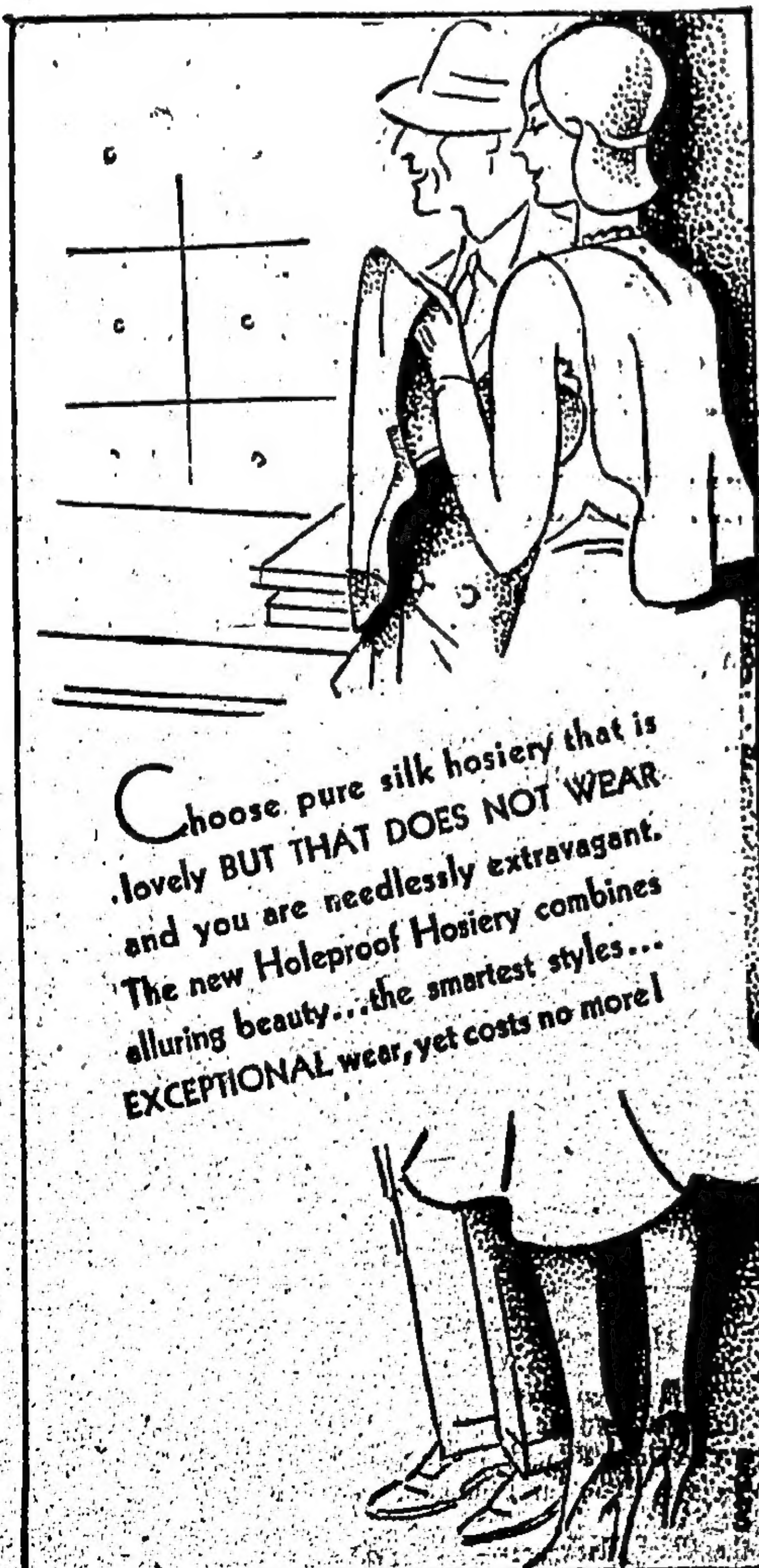
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### TRADE LOSSES.

Nothing can bring home to the  
British Economic Mission and  
manufacturers in Great Britain  
the vital need for an enquiry into  
British trade in the Orient like  
the striking figures published on  
page one to-day relative to the  
piece-goods trade. The local  
Statistical Office naturally re-  
frains from attempting any ex-  
planation of what it describes as  
the phenomenal losses of British  
manufacturers in the Hong Kong  
market, contenting itself with  
compiling a self-explanatory,  
but most useful, table.  
Only recently we had oc-  
casion to comment on the attitude  
of a contemporary, itself depen-  
dent on British advertisements  
and British support generally, in  
clamouring for the purchase of  
local Chinese-made and Canton-  
made goods. It was apparently  
quite aware of the fact that the  
greatest proportion of Orient-  
manufactured piece goods sold by  
the local Chinese never say  
China but came here direct from  
Japan?

Thus we are informed now that  
whilst Japan's share of the local  
piece-goods market in 1930 ap-  
proximated that of 1924, the  
British figure fell by over £2,500,000.  
That must be a bitter pill for  
those who sought to discourage  
the purchase of British manu-  
factures here to swallow! In 1924  
Great Britain recorded 55.69 of  
the total imports of cotton piece  
goods into Hong Kong, whilst the  
Japanese proportion amounted to  
33.05 per cent. The position was  
reversed last year when the  
Japanese share reached 65.47 per  
cent, and the British share fell to

13.41 per cent. Cotton piece  
goods prices fell considerably in  
1930 as compared with 1924 and,  
taking this factor into considera-  
tion, it would be reasonable to  
assume that the total volume of  
cotton piece goods entering Hong  
Kong from Japan was ap-  
proximate to, if not in excess of,  
the volume imported in the boom  
year, 1924. From the compara-  
tive table compiled by the Statis-  
tical Office of the chief items of  
cotton piece goods imported from  
the United Kingdom and Japan  
during the nine months—April to  
December, 1930—it will be noted  
that in practically every line the  
quantities imported from Japan  
were far greater than those from  
the United Kingdom.

These are staggering figures  
without a doubt—figures that will  
undoubtedly give the British  
Economic Mission a considerable  
amount of perturbation. All the  
phenomenal British trade losses  
cannot be put down to the fall in  
exchange. Other factors must be  
operating in the local market to  
the detriment of British manu-  
factures and to the advantage of  
Japanese manufactures. Careful  
enquiry, moreover, might elicit  
the fact that Japanese and  
Chinese are not alone purchasers  
of Japanese cotton piece goods.  
Portuguese help to swell Japan's  
trade here, and even Britons are  
known to patronise the Chinese  
stalls where Japanese cotton piece  
goods are on sale at three, four,  
and five yards a dollar. How,  
then, can British manufacturers  
hope to recover their lost market  
here when resident Britons not  
only reject their goods in favour  
of Japanese but publicly advocate  
what amounts to cutting out  
purchases of British manu-  
factured goods on the score of the  
prevailing high prices occasioned by  
the slump in exchange. Are  
Britons both at home and in this  
Colony content to see British  
trade not only dwindle but abso-  
lutely fade out? If so, they may  
as well give up all pretence of  
loyalty, change their nationality,  
and join the campaign in  
favour of purchasing nothing but  
Oriental-made goods!

### News in Brief.

The P. & O. s.s. Kashmir from  
Hong Kong arrived London on  
February 22, 9 a.m.

Fong Ping, the Chinese who was  
remanded at the Kowloon Magis-  
tracy on Friday last, made another  
appearance yesterday afternoon.  
Mr. Butters committing the defen-  
dant to the Assizes. He is  
charged with assaulting Wong Sik-  
cheun at No. 60, Leichik Road on  
March 27, 1929, together with four  
others not in custody, and armed  
with two pistols and two daggers.

For having unlawful possession of  
3.5 tals of raw opium, which  
was concealed in his girdle, a Chi-  
nese was arrested in Shanghai  
Street and at the Kowloon Court  
to-day fined \$103 or one month's  
imprisonment.

A fine of \$3,120 or ten months'  
imprisonment was imposed on  
Chung Wai-ching, who was charged  
at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this  
morning with having unlawful pos-  
session of 104 tals of raw opium at  
Kowloon Railway Station.

Ko Fuk-kan was sent to jail for  
five weeks by Mr. Butters at the  
Kowloon Court this morning, for  
stealing a silk coat and jacket, the  
property of Li Chi-chow, a tailor,  
of No. 29, Cumberland Road, Kow-  
loon Tong on February 16.

Chan Pul, a Chinese boy, was  
ordered to receive eight strokes of  
the cane at the Kowloon Court this  
morning for stealing 7 lb. of sheet  
copper from the Kwong Hop Leung  
Shipyard. Tan Ming, the receiver  
was sent to jail for three months.

"I took it because I needed it,"  
was the excuse proffered by Au  
Yeung-sam, who was charged be-  
fore Mr. Butters at Kowloon Court  
this morning with cutting a  
quantity of wire cable from No. 15  
and 17 Cameron Road yesterday.  
Two months' imprisonment was  
imposed.

Mr. J. R. Whitta was fined \$5 by  
Mr. W. Schofield at the Central  
Magistrate's Court this morning. He  
pleaded guilty to a summons which  
accused him of having caused an  
obstruction with his motor car in  
Lower Albert Road outside the  
Colonial Secretariat's Office on  
February 13, at 5.10 p.m.

A Chinese woman of Saiyungpau  
was this morning charged before  
Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central  
Magistrate's Court, with having her  
control a mul tial who was not  
registered in the Colony. De-  
fendant pleaded ignorance of the  
law and said that she had been in  
Hong Kong off and on. A fine of  
\$50 was imposed.

A conviction, stated to be 25  
years old, was produced against a  
Chinese woman at the Central  
Magistrate's Court this morning when  
she pleaded guilty before Mr. W.  
Schofield to the unlawful possession  
of two tals of illicit opium. His  
Worship imposed a fine of \$540  
with the alternative of three  
months' hard labour.

Pleading guilty to the larceny of  
14 pounds of lead, the property of  
the Taikoo Dockyard, a Chinese was  
fined \$20 or one month's hard  
labour, by Mr. Schofield in the  
Central Police Court this morning.  
It was stated by Mr. G. Bird (head  
watchman of the Dock) that ac-  
cused had been employed by a con-  
tractor for many years.

### A WEEK'S DISEASES.

#### FATAL CASES OF SMALL-POX AND DIPHTHERIA.

The official return of diseases  
and deaths during the week end-  
ed February 21 is as follows:—

Cases	Deaths
Smallpox	1
Diphtheria	2
Enteric fever	1
Cerebro-spinal fever	1
Tuberculosis	7

Summary to February 21.  
The returns from January 1 to  
February 14 give the following  
figures:—

Cases	Deaths
Typhoid	28
Smallpox	4
Scarlet fever	2
Diphtheria	29
Cerebro-spinal fever	4
Puerperal fever	2
Tuberculosis	558

Nine of the typhoid cases were  
non-Chinese, as were two scarlet  
fever cases and nine diphtheria  
cases.

### UNITED EUROPE.

#### FIRST STEPS TAKEN IN PARIS.

#### PEACE AT STAKE.

Paris, Yesterday.  
What M. Briand described as  
the first tangible result of the  
movement for a European federa-  
tion was initiated to-day with the  
opening of the Quai d'Orsay of  
the European Agricultural Con-  
ference, attended by the represen-  
tatives of 24 European States, to  
consider the problem of Europe's  
cereal export surpluses.

M. Briand, welcoming the dele-  
gates, declared that the moment  
had come to put European soli-  
darity to the test. What really  
was at stake was not the ques-  
tion of the distribution of cereal  
surplus, but the maintenance of  
peace.—Reuter.

The soccer winger should very  
variously dribble. The moment he  
appears to be crowded, he should  
part with the ball.—Andy Wilson.

### BLAZING MOTOR CAR TRIAL.

#### Appeal Against Death Dismissed.

#### CALOUS CRIME.

London, Yesterday.  
The Court of Criminal Appeal,  
consisting of Lords Justices Re-  
ward, Avory and, Humphreys, has  
dismissed Rouse's appeal against  
sentence of death, after Sir  
Patrick Hastings, on behalf of the  
condemned man, had urged that  
there was no evidence on which  
he could properly be convicted.  
He contended that Rouse had been  
convicted on prejudice and merely  
on grave suspicion.—Reuter.

The sensational "blazing motor  
car trial" before the Northampton  
Assizes, in which Alfred Arthur  
Rouse was charged with murder-  
ing an unknown man, whose re-  
mains were discovered in the  
buried wreckage of Rouse's motor  
car on November 6 last and still  
remain unidentified, resulted in a  
verdict of guilty on January 31,  
and the convicted man was sen-  
tenced to death.

In evidence, it was disclosed  
that Rouse had set up several  
domestic establishments in dif-  
ferent parts of England, and the  
prosecution contended that he had  
decided it was time to "disappear."  
The unknown man is believed to  
have been a miner, whom Rouse  
is presumed to have given a lift  
to, then murdered, and set fire to  
his car with the body in it.

### SILVER PROBLEM.

#### CHINA WILLING TO CO-OPERATE.

#### "REALISTIC MEASURES."

Nanking, Yesterday.  
Mr. T. V. Soong expressed great  
interest when interviewed regard-  
ing the resolution of the Executive  
Committee of the International  
Chamber of Commerce, calling upon  
members to urge their Government  
to take the silver problem into early  
consideration.

Mr. Soong stated that if an in-  
ternational conference on silver  
should be held the National Gov-  
ernment would be ready to partici-  
pate, and would co-operate in any  
realistic measures leading to  
stabilisation of the value of silver.  
—Reuter.

### NAVAL STRENGTH.

#### BRITISH MINISTERS LEAVE FOR PARIS.

#### PACT WITH FRANCE?

London, Yesterday.  
Mr. Arthur Henderson with Mr.  
A. V. Alexander and three officials  
of the Foreign Office, Messrs.  
Craigie, Walford and Selby, left  
for Paris this morning to confer  
with the French Cabinet on the  
naval question.

This is regarded as indicating  
that a Franco-British arrange-  
ment whereby France will agree  
to a smaller margin of superiority  
over Italy is practically certain to  
be concluded.—Reuter.

### TALLY-O NEDDY.

#### THE DONKEY THAT WENT A-HUNTING.

Villagers of Wigginton, near  
Ting (Hearts), have just had the  
biggest laugh of their lives.

First, they saw a donkey being  
chased by a pack of hounds in full  
cry across the fields. They could  
hardly believe their eyes.

Suddenly the hounds picked up  
the scent of a fox and turned off  
in another direction, and Wigginton's  
astonishment turned to utter  
amazement.

For Neddy, braying and with his  
ears set back, had enjoyed the thrill  
of the chase. He wheeled round  
and, wedging his way into the  
middle of the pack, hunted with  
them for several miles.

In Full Cry.  
Captain H. R. Phipps, the master  
of the Ting and District Farmers'  
Draghounds said: "I went out with  
a kennelman to exercise the hounds.  
There were ten couples, and when  
near Wigginton I decided to call on  
a farmer friend.

"When we reached the farm the  
donkey, which was grazing in a  
field, brayed and started to gallop  
away. The hounds set off in full  
cry before I could realise what had  
happened.

"Then, just as suddenly, they  
picked up the scent of a fox and  
wheeled about, and Neddy, when he  
discovered that he was being hunt-  
ed no longer, also turned about and  
catching up with the pack, raced  
for some distance with hounds all  
round him.

"Draghounds are not so strictly  
trained as foxhounds, and are  
rather inclined to hunt anything  
that will run before them. It was  
all very amusing, and it all ended  
quite happily. My farmer friend  
told me that his labourers laughed  
so much they were unable to go on  
with their work."

### THE MAN WHO NEVER FEELS SURE.

#### Doctors Analyse Curious 'Nervous Afflictions.'

#### TESTS ON 1,000 PERSONS.

More than 1,000 persons, ranging  
from an office boy to a company  
director, and including clerical  
workers in Government depart-  
ments and commercial firms,  
factory workers, holders of ad-  
ministrative posts and students of  
both sexes, have been subjected to a  
"nervous" test conducted under the  
auspices of the Industrial Health  
Research Board in Britain.

The tests were carried out by Dr.  
Milais Culpin and Dr. May Smith,  
and consisted of—  
A personal interview with each  
subject lasting twenty minutes.  
Tests with a dotting machine,  
dots having to be made in a series  
of circles passing at an increasing  
speed.

The result of the doctors' in-  
quiries is published. In their pre-  
face the Industrial Health Research  
Board state:

"The conclusions drawn may sub-  
ject the authors to the criticism  
that they were dealing with  
abnormal people, or else that they  
saw abnormalities where none in  
fact existed.

#### Too Sure.

"It is, therefore, thought well to  
emphasise that the authors merely  
recorded the evidence presented to  
them, and in drawing their conclu-  
sions tried to avoid any such pit-  
falls."

The popular expressions, state  
the investigators, such as  
"neurotic," "highly strung," "nerv-  
ous," "nervy," or "temperamental,"  
are all more or less synonymous.

There was the person who was  
never sure he was right, with whom  
any challenge would immediately  
cause doubts to rise, and at the  
other end was the person who was  
as irrationally sure he could not be  
wrong. He dared not let himself  
be wrong.

In others was an irrational in-  
ability to consider a piece of work  
finished, in spite of the fact that it  
had been done with meticulous  
accuracy.

"Some are afflicted with doubts  
after they have done a trivial  
action, such as turning off a light,  
locking a door, etc., and are com-  
pelled to go back and verify it, even  
though they know the act has been  
done.

"There are people who have got  
out of bed several times in a night  
to verify some such act; they may  
even write down a statement to the  
effect that it has been done, and yet  
find no conviction."

This has been described as "the  
sentiment of incompleteness," which  
could be expressed by the words,  
"a feeling of left undone."

Traffic Fears.  
Other fears in disproportionate  
strength, such as fears associated  
with the dark, or traffic, or being  
alone, etc., need not in themselves  
affect work, but their presence  
pointed to emotional difficulties.

"These characteristics in exag-  
gerated form," states the report,  
"are the symptoms and disabilities  
that lead patients to seek treat-  
ment. The sentiment of incom-  
pleteness may cause such indecision  
and distress that it constitutes the  
main factor in a breakdown, while  
fears of traffic, of solitude, of  
crowds, of open or closed spaces,  
may deprive life of its usefulness."

"The word neurostenia is re-  
served for many conditions, in-  
cluding those just referred to. It  
should be reserved for a relatively  
uncommon type of disability in  
which there is an incapacitating  
loss of volition in regard to mental  
and physical activity, without  
typical anxiety or obsessional  
symptoms."

### FOUND GUILTY.

#### PIRACY OFF PEDRO BLANCO.

The twelve Chinese arraigned  
on piracy charges at the Assizes  
were all found "Guilty" yesterday;  
the jury arriving at their finding  
after fifteen minutes' deliberation.  
The Acting Chief Justice (Mr.  
J. R. Wood) postponed sentence  
pending the hearing of a legal  
point before the Full Court.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
February 24, 1921.]

The Hong Kong Chinese Recrea-  
tion Club has replied to the Straits  
Chinese Association's cable ac-  
cepting their suggestion of a Chi-  
nese Interport Tennis tournament,  
and offering to play them at home.  
A telegram has since been received  
from Ipoh stating that a Straits  
Chinese team will make the journey  
to Hong Kong early in April. The  
telegram further states that it is  
hoped that sufficient players to play  
three doubles and three singles  
matches will be able to make the  
trip. The C.R.C. is making ar-  
rangements accordingly.



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INDUSTRY.Scientific Romance in  
Kuala Lumpur.

## THE COCONUT MOTH.

The Coconut Moth in Fiji. A History of its Control by Means of Parasites. By J. D. Tothill, assisted by T. H. C. Taylor and R. M. Paine. (Imperial Bureau of Entomology, 31s. 6d. net.)

In 1924 the copra industry in Fiji was threatened by a beautiful little moth, the caterpillars of which fed on the leaves of the coco-palm. Sugar was in trouble, notwithstanding a substantial preference for it in the British Empire; and copra, the dried kernels of the nuts, already the second industry in monetary value, had been the hope of the country, and moreover, the coco-palm was meat and drink to the natives when other supplies were short. The caterpillars were killing the plants, the value of coconut estates was falling; banks, business houses and the Government were alarmed, the more so because the pest which for years had practically reduced the value of coco-palms to nothing in the large island of Viti Levu was spreading to other islands.

## The Remedy Discovered.

In the same year Sir J. M. Hedstrom, the senior elected member of the Legislative Council, came to London in connection with the Wembley Exhibition, and very fortunately consulted Dr. G. A. K. Marshall (now Sir Guy Marshall), director of the Imperial Bureau of Entomology, on the entomological threat to his country. Marshall advised that some entomologists should be employed to study the problem; the advice was accepted by the Government of Fiji; the three authors of this book were selected.

The campaign was begun in January, 1925, the three workers having the great advantage of constant advice and suggestions from Sir Guy Marshall; before the middle of the year they had found the remedy, a parasitic fly active



"Sir, I've been keeping company with your daughter for five years and I want to ask—ask—"

Father: "For a pension?"—  
Everybody's Weekly, London.

against an allied moth in the Federated Malay States. By January, 1926, they had bred introduced specimens so successfully that they could liberate colonies of it all over the infected regions in Fiji. Success was dramatically complete; by the end of the year the coco plantations were producing their normal crop and were successful even in Viti Levu, an island the size of Jamaica, where the coco palm had never been of commercial value. The moth had practically disappeared from Fiji; and by good fortune the parasitic fly had found some indigenous prey, so that it is ready to deal with any new outbreak.

## Knowledge and Patience.

In the beautiful volume now published for the Government of Fiji, appropriately by the Imperial Bureau of Entomology, the authors describe their campaign. Every method of attack was considered, from poison sprays to the introduction of insectivorous birds; but, although some of these were pursued, the discovery and introduction of an insect that would prey on the moth was urged by Marshall as the most likely. The moth, whose scientific name is *Leviana tridactyla*, is known only from Fiji, and efforts to discover it elsewhere and with it perchance to find a natural enemy, failed then and have failed since. But a somewhat similar and possibly allied moth, *Artona catanzana*, was known to be a sporadic pest of coconuts in Indo-Malay, and to be controlled usually by local parasites. Accordingly an emissary went to Kuala Lumpur to await an outbreak and to secure parasites, which in due course he accomplished. Knowledge and patience overcame the difficulties; and at Fiji young palms planted in kerosene, this with a sufficient supply of caterpillars, arranged in an insectarium, awaited the arrivals. Insects, however, are capricious—or, more exactly, have their instincts sharply adapted to excitement by a special stimulus; and it was with joy and relief that the parasites of *Artona*, hungry from a long fast, were found eagerly attacking the caterpillars of

## ESSEX SIX.

Interesting Reply to  
Enquiries.

N.A.G.—About six months ago I purchased a 1926 model Essex Six car which at that time had done only about 7,000 miles. Since then I have done about 3,000 miles, and have had to adjust the clutch "throwout" several times. In fact, the adjustment is now at the end of its threads. In spite of this there is a marked clutch slip when a heavy pull is encountered, and I find that the gears are hard to engage from standing. After taking a long hill a day or two ago I noticed a small like burning shellac, which seemed to come from the front of the gearbox. Do you think that there is a fault in this box or would you attribute the fault to the clutch? Is this constant adjustment of the clutch a feature of that model Essex?

From your description it would appear that the clutch plates have burnt out. The Essex clutch is of the cork insert type and runs in oil which needs replenishing every 250 miles. Since you have had to constantly adjust the clutch throwout it seems as though you have been neglecting the clutch oiling. The correct mixture to use for the clutch is a half and half solution of engine oil and kerosene. It is inserted into the clutch as follows:—Remove the pan from under the flywheel. This exposes the clutch cover, and it will be noted that there are two square-headed brass screw plugs in the cover. Turn the engine over until one of these plugs is at the lowest point of its travel. Remove the plug, and fill the compartment with the clutch mixture until it begins to run out of the plug hole. Replace the plug and the pan. If treating the clutch in this manner does not restore the smoothness of the takeup and prevent the slipping it may be assumed that the corks are burnt out, and they will have to be renewed. Providing the oil is kept up to the clutch adjustments should be only rarely necessary. Under ordinary conditions I have known clutches of this type to stand up without attention, other than oiling, for upwards of 50,000 miles.

P. H.—I have a new Fordson tractor, and when opening the governor on a heavy pull the fan stops. The fan belt also drives the governor. The belt is tight, and keeps running. I loosened the nut in front of the fan, and that let the fan spin, but stopped the shaft which I think drives the water pump. I tightened it again, and it worked well for a few days, and then stopped again. (2) Once, when the air washer was getting low and the engine was idling, I filled it with water, and was surprised to hear the engine sucking, and then the motor stopped. When I cranked it and the engine started it did not run evenly, and puffed a lot of black smoke from the exhaust. Could you tell me what happened? (3) Should the tractor hit a stone while in second, the driving wheels stop while the engine keeps running. The only reason I can see is that the clutch is slipping. If this is so, how can I remedy it?

The fan spindle is evidently seizing in its bearings. Take out the greasing nipple and make sure that it is clear. Replace, and, using transmission oil in the grease gun, give the nipple and bearing a liberal dose of oil. (2) When you poured the water into the air washer the weight of water evidently forced down the float, causing the air supply to be cut off. This would choke the engine with too rich a mixture, causing it to stop. The black smoke is the result of the over-rich mixture. (3) To adjust the clutch, remove the small cover plate on the side of the tractor frame, just near the belt pulley. This will expose a set screw and lock washer. Loosen the lock nut, and tighten the set screw. There is no set adjustment for this, but it should be tightened until the tractor will take the load without clutch slip. When the adjustment is completed, securely tighten the lock nut.—Ex.

*Leviana* and in due course to lay eggs, which when hatched came to maturity and bred.

Sweet Effluvium. Not only do these parasites, a species of Tachinid, not unlike the housefly in shape and build, attack coconut-moth caterpillars when the latter are abundant, but, attracted, the authors think, by a faintly sweet effluvium given out by them they seek out and find the few survivors which may linger on in a devastated plantation, otherwise to be a permanent reservoir of the plague. The saving of the copra industry is as complete an example of what is now called "biological control," the subduing of a living pest by the introduction of a living enemy of the pest, as the saving of the citrus industry of California by the introduction of a lady-beetle from Australia or of the sugarcane in Hawaii by a fly brought from Java. The Times Literary Supplement.

## CLUTCHING!

Skid Trips With  
"Hellfire" Dale.

"This," said the Superintendent, with a twinkle in his eye, "this is Mr. Thomas Dale. He will attend to you. Good-bye."

Monk and I stared carefully at "Hellfire" Tom Dale, the Chiswick Jehu, the man who can tie a knot in an omnibus. We saw a smiling old man of sixty-four, in a spotless white overall. He had humorous eyes and a gigantic moustache.

"You gents want to skid?" asked "Hellfire" quietly.

"Well ... er ..." stammered Monk.

"In a clever skid you aim to hit with a 10lb. blow and not with all the omnibus," chuckled the nice old man in the bowler-hat. "I will demonstrate how skids should be performed."

"She is warmed up gents, and she is waiting," said the nice old man in the bowler-hat. "Hop in!"

That is how Monk and myself found ourselves on the world-famous skid training ground of the London General Omnibus Company at Chiswick, in a derelict old omnibus, behind "Hellfire" Tom Dale, the most suicidal sexagenarian in Britain.

Silthier Leap.

"Just a penny one, please," cried Monk, as "Hellfire" steered the old ruin on to an open space thick with grass, oil and dirty water, and plastered with wooden hurdles.

"The skid as such," said "Hellfire," simply.

Immediately Monk clasped both arms round my neck, and we sat on the floor. The omnibus had shot half across the ground in a sickening, slithering leap.

Monk rang the conductor's bell. "I get out here," he said, brokenly.

"A skid at speed," said "Hellfire," straightening his bowler-hat.

"No," howled Monk, "Wait ... stop ... ouch."

I lost Monk.

"Where are you?" I shouted.

"Here," said a muffled voice.

"Where?"

"Get ... off ... my ... face ... can't ... you?" whimpered a broken and spiritless voice.

"Now we will perform the figures six, eight, and nine," said "Hellfire" pleasantly.

"Why?" shouted Monk hopelessly.

"Hellfire" shrugged his bowler-hat and shot in the clutch!

Terrific Spins.

The front wheels of the omnibus remained perfectly still, and the rear began to turn in a complete circle. Then this sixty-four-year-old gentleman in the bowler made the thing dance! It reversed, it spun in frightful, sickening arcs, it leapt and—awayed. It skidded right round the ground in one colossal skid punctuated by a series of funny, fearful little skids. Oil pummed up from the greasy flooring, "Hellfire's" hat was over one eye. His eyes were shining, and his moustache was a-bristle.

"Are ... there ... ever ... any ... accidents?" howled Monk, clinging to the rail.

"Hellfire" would not cease. Monk tolled the conductor's bell until it went flat, and I gazed appealingly from the windows, seeking aid. The omnibus began to spin round at a terrific rate. "And he's old enough to be my grandfather!" sobbed Monk.

"A really tricky skid," announced "Hellfire."

Monk sat down completely and suddenly, and I sat on Monk.

"All ... a matter of clutching," smiled "Hellfire."

"We are," whispered Monk said.

—D. D. in the Daily Express.

## HEAD LIGHTS ON BENDS

Would it not be a good plan to have a standardised shape for coloured signalling lights, as a correspondent of the Autocar. This would be easy to arrange by making the light with several small units instead of only one. Thus, red might be always in the form of a circle, green as a square, white a triangle, and so forth. This would be of the greatest assistance to the colour-blind people, many of whom find the worst colour to see. This plan might well become international, so that a red light all over the world would be always the same shape. Doubtless there are numerous objections to this plan, and it would be interesting to know what they are.

Secondly, having recently fitted Lucas dipping and swinging reflectors to my head lamps, in place of reflectors that only dipped, I have found the former of the greatest assistance in driving round hand-bends at night. It would be interesting to hear if others have tried this plan. Of course, it gives rise to the question: If you are saving your lights on a left-hand bend, why not on a right-hand one also? Here one seems to be up against the law, for I suppose I am right in saying that one is not allowed to swing the lamps, and the lights may not swivel with the steering.

## ROUND THE CINEMAS

MELODICUS TUNES AND SMART  
FUN.

## "THE GOLDEN CALF"

A hilarious audience greeted the showing of "The Golden Calf," Fox Movietone comedy with music in the Queen's Theatre last night.

This latest product of the Fox Studios is crammed with comedy, romance, music, and personality, and bids fair to be one of the most popular films shown here.

An all-star cast includes Sue Carol, Jack Mulhall, El Brendel, Marjorie White, Richard Keene and Paul Page, and all acquit themselves with honours.

Most interest, of course, centres in Miss Carol and Mulhall, who have the leading roles, but Brendel, Miss White, Keene and Page run the stars a close race for honours.

"The Golden Calf" was directed by Millard Webb.

## "TRUE TO THE NAVY"

Clara Bow answers to more nicknames than any other favourite on the screen.

The "It" girl is the most popular. Her wind-blown wealth of curly-red hair and the place of her birth supply many names. She is called the "Brooklyn Bonfire," "The Red-Head," "Paramount's Forest-Fire," "The Blaze from Brooklyn." Her vivid personality and youthfulness have contributed other names, such as "Queen of the Flappers." One writer persists in referring to her as "The Personality Kid." The Kid is another favourite.

The name most frequently used by her co-workers at the Paramount studios is "The Gal." It is a term of affection, of friendliness, for Clara Bow has never been known to have an enemy or deliberately to have wounded anybody's feelings.

Another nickname popular among the studio personnel is "Captain." It started when Clara played in "The Fleet's In," one of her early starring pictures, and was revived during the filming of her latest vehicle, "True to the Navy," which the Central Theatre is showing.

Clara likes each and every one of the nicknames. It is only when someone with whom she is acquainted calls her "Miss Bow" that she becomes a bit suspicious. Such formality in work-a-day life she distrusts.

In "True to the Navy," Miss Bow plays the role of a soda fountain clerk, with a boy friend on every battleship. Never serious with any of them, she, nevertheless, is true to them all. Frank Tuttle directed the picture.

## "KING OF JAZZ"

Universal's colossal all-Technicolor "King of Jazz," starring Paul Whiteman and his orchestra, which comes to the Central Theatre soon, presents among other celebrities Jeanie Lang, "America's sweetheart of the air," whose personality songs over coast-to-coast radio networks have made her famous.

George Chiles, of musical comedy fame, and Don Rose and Marian Statler, of the Orpheum and Keith circuits, collaborate in the rendition of the song hit "Ragumuffin-Romeo."

When John Murray Anderson, the famous New York producer of the "Greenwich Village Follies" and other shows who directed "King of Jazz" for Carl Laemmle, Jun., first conceived the "Ragumuffin" idea, he called Mabel Wayne on the telephone in New York and told her exactly what he wanted. So when Anderson told her his idea one night, she wrote the music and then called him up and sang it to him from New York over the telephone the next night.

Meanwhile, Anderson wired Rose and Statler, who were playing in Chicago and brought them to California post-haste. Miss Lang and Chiles sing the song hit in the picture; to the accompaniment of Paul Whiteman's incomparable music, and Statler and Rose do one of the cleverest "rough house" dances ever screened.

Another of the most spectacular offerings in "King of Jazz," starring Paul Whiteman, is "The Song of the Dawn," featuring John Boles, "the golden voice of the screen," accompanied by the cowboy chorus.

In a beautifully conceived atmospheric setting of the breaking dawn, Boles sings one of the song hits of "King of Jazz"—an original number by Milton Ager and Jack Yellen, played by Paul Whiteman and his band. The song, like the number itself, is entitled "The Song of the Dawn" and gives Boles full scope for his talent as the screen's greatest singing star.

Like the seven other big numbers in the picture, "The Song of the Dawn" was created by John Murray Anderson, who directed the Universal super-production in its entirety.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-night—Old Tonbridgians Dinner.

Thursday—Whist Drive, Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.

Friday—Farewell Dinner to British Economic Mission, Peninsula Hotel.

Saturday—Elliot Hall annual concert and dance, 8 p.m.

March 5—R.A.O.B. Regalia Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall.

March 20—Yorkshire Society Dinner.

## Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"The Golden Calf."

To-day—Central Theatre.

"True to the Navy."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Lucky Boy."

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Merry Widow."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Hung Lin Tai" (Chinese picture).

March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art and Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

## Auction.

To-morrow—At 6, United Terrace, Ho Mun Tin, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

## Home Mail.

Thursday—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tokio Maru); Europe via Suez (Rawaipindi).

## Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

## Meetings.

Thursday—Ladies' Recreation Club, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Thursday—Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Tramways, Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.'s Office, noon.

Saturday—Hong Kong &amp; Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

March 5—H.K. Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

## GLASGOW WINS.

TOURIST SAYS CITY HAS THE  
BEST WAITRESSES.

"Glasgow prides itself upon possessing the best waitresses of any British city, not excluding London. My opinion is that Glasgow should rather make a point of claiming to have the finest waitresses in Britain."

It was not a Glaswegian, city proud, who made this statement, but a South African on holiday, when discussing his impressions of the Clyde-side city.

"Never mind their looks," he said "though I've scarcely seen one girl serving in an eating house but was—what do you call it?—comely; and tidy and neat in her dress and general appearance."

"But I'm chiefly impressed by their smartness at their job—efficiency which is all the more striking because they get around and through their service so smoothly and slickly, apparently without effort at all."

## RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY.

Lithuanian Catholics and The  
Marriage Law.

Kovno, Jan. 13.

The conflict between the Government and Catholic circles over the introduction of civil marriage, has culminated in numerous arrests, including prominent leaders of the Catholic Youth Organisation, who will be detained in a concentration camp for six months. Four priests and several students will be arraigned before a Court Martial.

The Lithuanian Archbishop has summoned a Bishops' Conference, which is expected to take grave decisions based on the recent Pontifical Encyclical. Government quarters emphasise that the Cabinet cannot possibly tolerate what is described as "persistent Catholic intrigues against the Government."

## QUEEN'S

COMING SHORTLY

NORMA SHEARER

Let Us Be Gay

MARIE DRESSER

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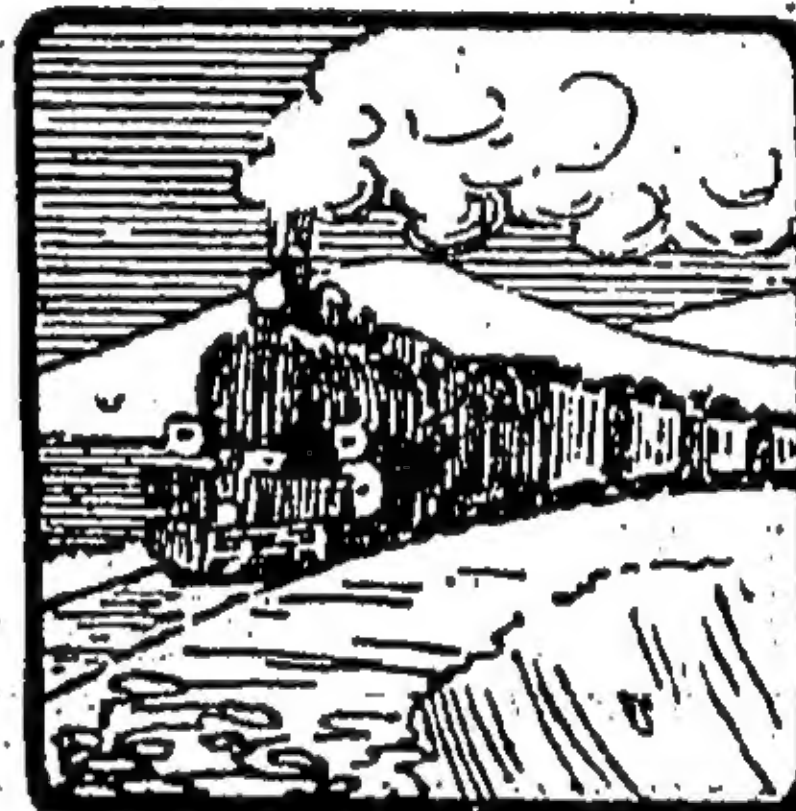
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**CHOW INJURED.**

In overcoming the Northerners by the convincing margin of five goals to one, the Services accomplished the unexpected on the Club ground yesterday afternoon. They adapted themselves to the heavy going in fine style during the gruelling opening stages and took the lead with a fluke goal. Although Shanghai drew level a minute later, the Services continued to have the better of the play, which did not reach a high standard owing to the wretched conditions, and went ahead again before the interval. During the second half the Northerners showed signs of recovering, but an injury to Chow, their plucky goalkeeper, necessitated Sinclair going between the sticks. This setback overpowered the Northerners' cup of sorrow, for what little life had been in their attack was extinguished and their defence was pierced on two more occasions before the final whistle.

**Shanghai Win Toss.**  
Gash again won the toss and Atkins kicked off facing the Hill end. Shanghai were the first to open the attack but were repelled and the Services retaliated for Rush to shoot wide. At the other end Graham sent behind when well placed. A fine pass by Hay enabled Harris to get away but the wing man put the ball behind. Gash then put through a splendid pass to Sinclair who passed to Elliott for the latter to send in a hard drive. The ball, however, went straight to Atkins, who easily cleared. A splendid run by Rush put Harris through again but the latter was robbed by Martin, who conceded a fruitless corner.

**Offside Misfortune.**  
Shanghai were unfortunate in not taking the lead when Sinclair ran through the Services' defence to beat Atkins with a splendid shot, but Elliott came up and was adjudged to be offside. A pass from Dickinson enabled Skinner to run down the line and centre, but Harris shot weakly behind. A clearance by Martin put Graham away and he ran up to transfer play and centre, but Elliott's shot just skimmed the top of the bar. The Services made another attempt to get through with Skinner in possession but from the pass, Martin put behind for a fruitless corner. After two raids on the left, the Services were decidedly lucky to take the lead. In clearing, Chow was alleged to have carried the ball. The Services were awarded the free kick and from the kick, Gash had the misfortune to deflect the kick past Chow, into his own goal.

**Pote-Hunt Prominent.**  
From the kick off Pote-Hunt just failed with a splendid attempt. The Services lead was short-lived, however, for a fine movement by Pote-Hunt enabled Sinclair to get through and he ran on to beat the advancing Atkins with a well placed shot. Just before the interval the Services again took the lead. A movement on the right enabled them to take play into the Shanghai goal mouth, where Harris sent in a weak shot which beat Chow, who appeared to slip in an attempt to gather the ball.

**Half-time.**  
United Services ..... 2  
Shanghai ..... 1  
**Rush Hits Upright.**  
On the resumption, the Services reopened the attack with great gusto and went away immediately for Harris to send across a splendid pass which Dickinson completely missed. The Services kept up pressure and Rush was unfortunate in striking the upright with a hard drive. A minute later a good movement on the left sent the Services further ahead, when from a melee in front of goal, they were awarded a corner kick, and from Harris's flag kick Chow was hustled off the ball and Rush headed through.

**Sinclair Goes Near.**  
Skinner was again prominent on the Services left wing, but the centre was thwarted by a few minutes later Chow was at fault in not going to Skinner's shot, which curled in, but struck the crossbar and rebounded into play. After Harris had failed to get in a centre, Shanghai transferred but could not break through, being particularly unfortunate when from Graham's corner kick Sinclair's shot was luckily thrust out.

**Chow Carried Off.**  
Skinner again got going and sent in a hard drive which Chow partially held and Atkins dashed up, but Chow pluckily flung himself at his feet and punched clear. Atkins fell on Chow as the latter slid along the ground and on rising, Chow was seen to be badly injured, but he carried on until a few minutes later in saving a shot he crumpled up in the goal and had to be carried off.

**LAND, AIR & WATER  
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**Other Countries Seeking  
Speed Honours.**  
**ITALIAN MENACE.**

The International Motor Yacht Union, the controlling body for motor-boat racing, have passed as a world's outboard speed record the speed of 51.98 miles per hour made by Charles Harrison in Mr. J. W. Shillan's outboard hydroplane Non Sequitur III.

Great Britain thus now holds all the motor speeds for air, land, and water, and Kaye Don and Malcolm Campbell are endeavouring to improve upon the existing records on water and land.

**TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME.**  
**WEATHER PERMITTING.**  
The present spell of bad weather has held up the lawn tennis tournament at the H.K.C.C., but with the cold weather setting in, we can hope for further progress. Weather permitting, the following matches are down for decision this afternoon:

**Singles Championship.**  
S. A. Rumjahn v. Iu Tak-cheuk.  
Feroz Ali v. W. N. Petch.  
H. Owen Hughes v. Ng Sze-cheong.  
A. L. Sullivan v. D. M. MacDougall.  
**Doubles Championship.**  
Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit v. J. H. Anderson and E. Grimble.  
A. O. Johnson and J. D. Ainger v. F. H. Kwok and H. N. Chau.

**HOME FOOTBALL.**  
**ST. MIRREN DRAW WITH ABERDEEN.**  
**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**  
One match was played in the Scottish League yesterday, St. Mirren meeting Aberdeen in Paisley and sharing the points.

Result as called by Reuter:  
St. Mirren 2 Aberdeen 2

**REVISED TABLE.**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	29	19	6	4	82	32	44
Rangers	28	18	5	5	70	23	41
Glasgow	26	17	6	2	74	26	40
Celtic	26	17	3	9	69	37	39
Hamilton	25	15	3	10	70	61	36
Hearts	23	16	3	11	51	39	33
Aberdeen	21	13	5	13	61	53	31
Dundee	27	14	3	10	51	45	31
Airdrie	29	14	3	12	47	53	31
Cowdenbeath	28	12	5	11	40	48	28
St. Mirren	23	11	6	11	45	48	28
Morton	22	11	4	14	48	65	28
Clyde	22	10	5	13	49	63	25
Kilmarnock	28	11	2	15	44	51	24
Queen's Pk.	27	9	5	13	47	51	23
Leith	29	7	9	13	40	61	23
Paisley	28	10	2	18	58	69	22
Hibernians	20	7	5	17	39	68	20
Ayr	27	3	8	15	35	60	15
East Fife	29	3	4	22	32	99	10

the field. Sinclair donned the goalkeeper's jersey and was soon in action under the Services' pressure. A movement on the Services' right appeared to be dangerous but it broke down before it reached Martin. The Services tried again on the left and Sinclair saved well from Skinner and cleared for the Northerners to run down and make a last desperate effort to save the game, but without result.

**Sinclair Twice Beaten.**  
The Services had little difficulty in holding their goal intact against the weakened attack. Their lead was increased when Atkins beat Sinclair from close in. Shanghai went near when Yeoman held Pote-Hunt and from the latter's free kick Graham ran in, but headed the ball just over. The Services' fifth goal came just before the close, as a result of a good movement on the right, and Dickinson ran in to meet the pass with a fine drive. A few minutes later Harris sent the ball into the goal mouth, but Atkins lobbed it over the bar.

**Result.**  
United Services ..... 5  
Shanghai ..... 1  
The teams lined up as under:  
Services: Atkins; Mullane, Henderson, Rush, Hay, Yeoman; Harris, Davies, Atkins, Dickinson; and Skinner.  
Shanghai: Chow; Munroe, Martin, Pote-Hunt, Gash, Yeoman; Elliott, Sinclair, Wilkinson; and Graham.  
Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.

**SOUTH AFRICANS  
DISMISSED.**  
**Excellent Start Followed  
By a "Rot."**  
**PEEBIES 4 FOR 67.**

Durban, Yesterday.  
In contrast to the conditions on Saturday, Siedle and Mitchell continued South Africa's innings in fine hot weather and on a fast wicket. A crowd of 2,000 saw the pair advance the score from 32 to 94 before the luncheon interval, Siedle being undefeated with 45 and Mitchell 49.

On the resumption the pair passed the century mark and a crowd of 3,500 realised that South Africa were in a strong position. At 127, Mitchell was clean bowled by Hammond for a steady innings of 73, which lasted just over three hours and included four boundary hits.

Four runs later Siedle returned a catch to White after batting for over three hours for 57 runs. His was a sound innings and included but one boundary hit. This was the beginning of the "rot," as with only 58 runs added before the tea interval, South Africa had lost Christy, Taylor and Cameron.

Continuing after tea Viljoen (10) and Dalton (13) were greeted by a crowd of 5,000, but with only 14 runs added Viljoen was caught off Tade. Dalton, after collecting 31, followed at 221, and only McMillan remained to trouble the England bowlers, the side being dismissed for 252.—Reuter.

**Local Match.**  
**H.M.S. KENT C. & P.O.'S V. R.A.O.C. SERGEANTS' MESS.**  
**WIN FOR KENT.**  
In an Inter-Services match yesterday H.M.S. Kent C. and P.O.'s defeated the R.A.O.C. Sergeant Mess by 54 runs.

The Kent men had first lease of the wicket and, in spite of three "ducks" and a single early in the game, they ran up a score of 134, double figures being reached by J. Aston (16), Sergt. Aston (18), Woodcock (34), Glass (18), and Cane (33). Farmer took three wickets for 38 runs.

**The R.A.O.C. Sergeants' Mess** responded with a total of 80, double figures being recorded by Green (22), Paston (11), and Carter (13). Jenkins, J. Aston, and Russell each took two wickets.

**Local Match.**  
**H.M.S. Kent C. & P.O.'S V. R.A.O.C. SERGEANTS' MESS.**  
**WIN FOR KENT.**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	22	4	35	1
Hammond	19	6	36	2
Voice	27	10	61	2
I. A. R. Peebles	27	4	67	4
J. C. White	35	9	63	1

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**

	O.	M.	R.	W.
S.Q.M.S. Farmer	14	2	38	3
Sgt. Rowe	10	1	40	2
S/Sgt. Carter	10	1	38	1
Comdr. Green	2	0	3	0

**R.A.O.C. Sgts Mess.**  
Comdr. Green, c. Flint, b. J. Aston ..... 22  
S.M. Spary, c. J. Aston, b. P. Jenkins ..... 0  
S/Sgt. Paston, run out ..... 11  
S.Q.M.S. Farmer, b. E. Russell ..... 4  
Mr. Marsh, st. Woodcock, b. J. Aston ..... 1  
J. Aston ..... 15  
Extras ..... 6

**STRANGE ANGLING  
HAPPENINGS.**  
**Half an Eel But a  
Whole Trout.**  
**FISHING FOR SALMON.**

A quite unusual experience, befall me some time ago when salmon-fishing in a loch in the north of Sutherlandshire during the month of May, writes a correspondent in the Observer. The day was still young and we had not been on the water long, while the fly was a mar lodge of some inch and a half in length. Well out from the loch, perhaps eighteen or twenty yards, some resistance was felt, not quite like an ordinary rise, nor was any sign of movement seen on the surface. A strike produced nothing more tangible than a feeble resistance, followed by a slight dead-weight, to which there appeared to be no life. The whole effect was at once put down to a bunch of weeds or something of that nature. However, on hauling in the line no weeds were evident, but instead thereof a rather curious-looking object appeared, which, on closer investigation, turned out to be the posterior half of what had been an eel of about twelve to fifteen inches in length when alive.

**Unpleasant-looking Capture.**  
The hook was firmly fixed in the tail, and the other end was a most unsavoury and unsightly mess of what at first appeared to be decomposing fish. That the extreme tail-end, however, was quite fresh and entirely without putrefaction put this supposition as to the cause of the appearance of the other end out of court. While we were discussing the possibilities and probabilities of this very strange occurrence, the gillie unhooked the fly, dropped it, at my instruction, into the water preparatory to resuming fishing, although we were still in the midst of argument and wonder at the unusual event.

A very short time after the fly was put over the side I saw my companion in the bow of the boat gaze with very evident astonishment, amounting to amazement, at would seem, at the water, and at the same time my line began to move away. After a deal of fumbling and gathering in of slack, getting a proper grip of the rod and a firm hold of the line, I managed to raise the point with some effect. It was immediately clear that there was no other than a fish at the other end, and, as the event proved after a certain amount of play, a large, for those waters, brown trout of about four pounds in weight was brought aboard.

**A Revengeful Trout.**  
The reconstruction of the facts was then comparatively easy, and a solution which fitted all the details of the problem seemed evident. The trout, having made a meal of an eel too great for it to swallow completely at one effort, was gradually absorbing the surplus by passing it downwards as the portion in the stomach was slowly digested away. It was yet glutted enough not to let slip any further opportunity, and it had risen to the mar lodge drawn through the water not far above its head. The hook, however, instead of fixing in the jaws of the trout, had stuck in the tail of the eel, which was still in the mouth of the insatiable creature, if not actually protruding outside, and when I struck on feeling the resistance, the remains of that last meal were inconspicuously removed from mouth and gullet. The trout probably followed its retreating breakfast, brought to life, as it must have thought, in this strange fashion, and had evidently stayed around the boat, of which fish in general are by no means soared, when that meal was finally hoisted inboard. When the fly was again put into the water that trout, if we may credit it with simple intelligence, must have thought that here was its chance to have its revenge on that which had played it so scurvily a trick.

However, in lieu of losing part of its breakfast its spirit of retaliation, or its gluttony, cost it life itself.

I must say that British boxers are causing unnecessary friction by refusing to affiliate themselves to the B.B.B. of C.—Geoffrey Simpson.

**Our Sports Diary.**  
**LOCAL.**

**FOOTBALL.**—To-morrow—Chinese v. Portuguese.  
Saturday—First Division—Club de Recoile v. Police R.C.; Kowloon F.C. v. South China A.A.; Chinese Athletic v. Borderers; Argyle v. Navy; Club v. St. Joseph's; Second Division—Borderers v. Navy; Chinese Athletic v. St. Joseph's; South China A.A. v. Royal Artillery; Argyle v. Club; Kowloon F.C. v. University; Eastern v. Club de Recoile.

**FENCING.**—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting; Yacht Club, 6.15 p.m.  
**LAWN TENNIS.**—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Singles—S. A. Rumjahn v. Iu Tak-cheuk, Feroz Ali v. W. N. Petch, H. Owen Hughes v. Ng Sze-cheong, A. L. Sullivan v. D. M. MacDougall; Open Doubles—Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit v. J. H. Anderson and E. Grimble, A. O. Johnson and J. D. Ainger v. F. H. Kwok and H. N. Chau.

**WEDNESDAY.**—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Singles—A. H. Rumjahn v. D. W. Denn, Horace Lo v. D. S. Green, E. C. Fincher v. R. Choa, E. Zimmermann v. H. Harkins, M. Kinoshita v. Luk Ding-cheong; Open Doubles—Ng Kam-chuen and Tsai Ping-nam v. A. C. I. Bowker and W. M. Barton.  
To-morrow—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Singles—Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard; Open Doubles—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. E. and F. R. Zimmermann, G. W. A. Tuffin and J. C. P. Tuck v. W. C. Hung and Chiu Chun-chiu, D. W. Deane and W. N. Petch v. A. D. Humphreys and H. Owen Hughes.

**FRIDAY.**—H.K.C.C. Tournament—Open Singles—Ng Sze-kwong v. A. O. Johnson, D. J. Valentine v. E. C. Etherington; Open Doubles—G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v. E. T. E. Nash and C. B. Nicholson, Ho Wah-ching and Iu Tak-lam v. Chin So and Wong Shu-wing; Luk Kam-cheung and Luk Ding-cheong v. D. L. Prophet and H. R. Forsyth, A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Midar v. C. E. Holmes and D. B. Evans.

**ATHLETICS.**—March 9—Marathon Race, Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.  
March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton University.  
**CHESS.**—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.  
Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

**HUNTING.**—To-morrow—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet, Dill's Corner, 3.15 p.m.  
**GOLF.**—Friday—Ladies' Captain's Cup (Round), Fanning.  
March 24—Ladies' Section—Prize Giving, Fanning.  
**CRICKET.**—Saturday—Division I.—University v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Division II.—Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L.); Club de Recoile v. Police R.C. (F.).

**RACING.**—Saturday, 1.30 p.m.—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.  
March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 11.30 a.m.—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.  
March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.  
**HOCKEY.**—Saturday—Caer Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School; St. Andrew's Club v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

**HOME.**  
**FOOTBALL.**—Saturday—English Cup—Sixth Round; Scottish Cup—Fourth Round.  
**RUGBY FOOTBALL.**—Saturday—Ireland v. Scotland, Dublin; Wales v. France, Swansea.

**GOLF.**  
**BOGEY POOL RESULT AT FANLING.**  
The Bogey Pool played at Fanning on February 21 and 22 was won by W. N. Buyers (11) all square.

Other scores were:—K. S. Robertson (6) 1 down, I. MacKnight (12) 1 down, J. Allison (15) 2 down.

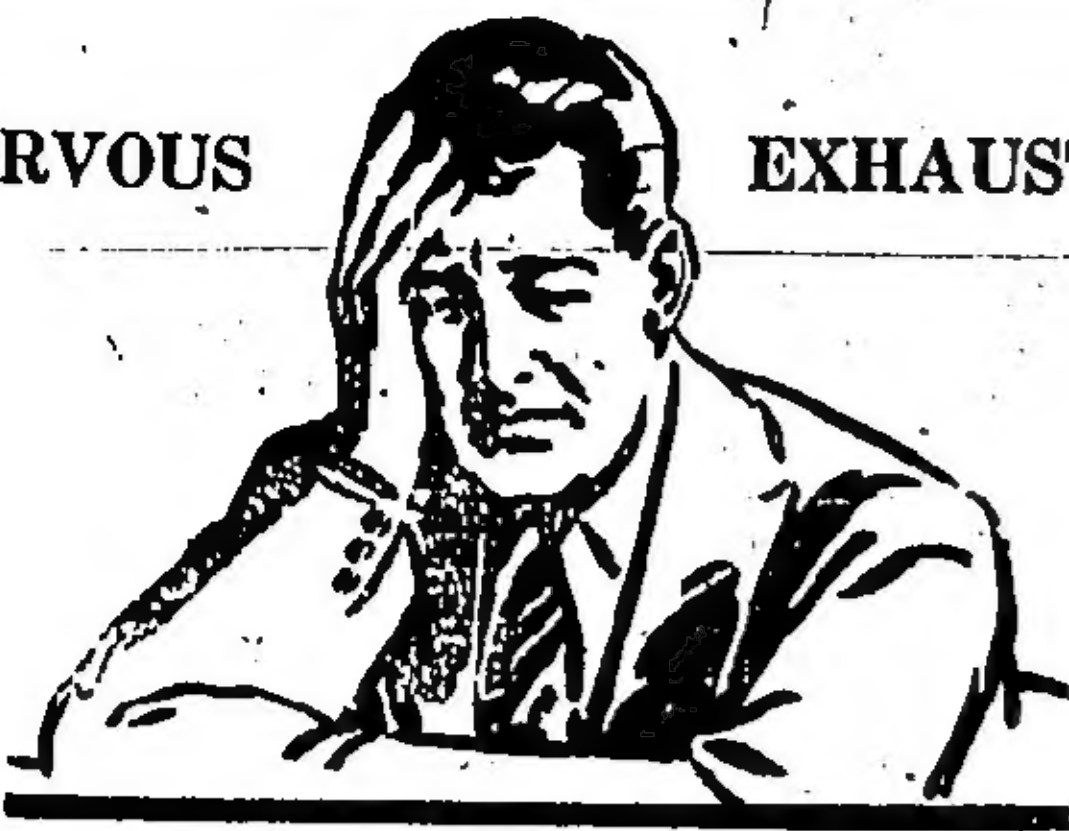
Let us imagine that one of our leading billiards firms engaged Lindrum and Joe Davis, or Smith and Newman, to play for a month on a table covered with green satin. Would anyone care to wager that a thousand breaks would not be made on this new billiards cloth? Indeed, I am quite certain that these great cue-men would make colossal breaks on a table covered with seamless sheet of green blotting paper!—Rise Levi.

Speed is necessary; its necessity becomes increasingly apparent as every year goes by. One of the reasons why people do not have to work so hard in these days is that they have learned to work more quickly, and they are possessed of all sorts of labour-saving and speed appliances which enable them to get through their business in record time.—Captain Malcolm Campbell.

A man may write and retain his amateur status, but there are lots of people in America who think, and say in print, that his fees received are not for the literary merit of his articles, but because of his superlative skill.—Anthony Spalding.



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## INWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.		
Shanghai	Oldekerk	
Japan	Kawachi Maru	
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.		
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 7)	Tokio Maru	
Straits	Tilawa	
Europe via Suez Letters & Papers (London Jan. 29, and Parcels Jan. 22)	Rawalpindi	
Japan	Takada	
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.		
Amoy	Empress of Russia	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Feb. 7)	President Cleveland	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.		
Japan	Heliyo Maru	
SUNDAY, MARCH 1.		
Japan	Chichibu Maru	
MONDAY, MARCH 2.		
Manila	President Lincoln	
TUESDAY, MARCH 3.		
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.		
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	

## OUTWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.		
Saloon	Helikon	3.30 p.m.
Manila	President Lincoln	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Yat Shing	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.		
Straits, East Africa via Mombasa, S. Africa via Lourenco Marques and S. America ports	Kawachi Maru	1.30 p.m.
Manila	Stuart Dollar	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	2.30 p.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Cheong Shing	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru	8.30 a.m.
Yingchow	Yingchow	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	King Yuan	3.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.		
Hdhow, Pakhol & Haiphong	Klungchow	10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	(Due Marseilles, Mar. 27.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.		
Parcels	Feb. 27, 4.30 p.m.	
Registration	Feb. 28, 9 a.m.	
Letters	Feb. 28, 10.10 a.m.	
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Tanda	(Due Brisbane, Mar. 17.)
Parcels	Feb. 27, 5 p.m.	
Registration	Feb. 28, 8.45 a.m.	
Letters	Feb. 28, 9.30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.		
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	
Parcels	Feb. 28, Noon	
Letters	Feb. 28, 1 p.m.	
Foochow via Swatow	Chip Shing	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 1.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Canton Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 2.		
Bangkok	Kiangsu	3.30 p.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.

## ENVIRONMENT.

## VITAL FACTOR IN EDUCATION.

A certain private school in Britain has lately been closed, because, after twenty years, the authorities have declared it to be both educationally inefficient and unsuitably housed.

The publicity given to this case in the newspaper has aroused in the minds of parents and guardians the importance of selecting for young people a school that shall be beyond reproach, on hygienic as well as educational grounds. Indeed, suitability of environment is a vital factor, having regard to the influence it is bound to have in character building.

Lord Eustace Percy, P.C., M.P., speaking on "A Policy of Higher Education" at the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, said:—

"Education is not schooling. To approach the problem of higher education from the administrative point of view, to start by planning a school system and a school curriculum, is to begin at the wrong end. The only assumption that the educational administrator has any right to make is that, up to the age of eighteen, a boy or a girl should never be out of touch with educational opportunities, and that it is the duty of all public-spirited citizens to co-operate in providing such opportunities. What the opportunities should be must depend, not upon any preconceived assumptions as to the best and most efficient school system, but on the needs of the individual boy or girl, as expressed in their demand, or the demand of their parents or employers, for a particular kind of education. Our first business is to discover that demand and to make it conscious and articulate. When we have done that, the educational administrator can come in to satisfy it.

"The first step towards discovering what is the demand for education is to realise the difference between elementary and higher education. Up to a certain point in a child's life he must be compelled to take what is given. This is the stage of elementary education. The good teacher will make elementary instruction attractive, but he must avoid like poison the sloppy idea, into which teachers were in danger of falling a few years ago, that the soundness of elementary education is to be measured by its attractiveness. In some degree elementary education must always be forcible feeding. Then comes a transition stage between elementary and higher education, when the pupil needs in a special degree the discipline of a good school, but when he is beginning to be a responsible person with a conscious bent of mind and intelligent preferences, to which the wise parent must attach full value. Last comes the stage of higher education, when forcible feeding becomes impossible and school discipline fades into the background. In that stage the life-blood of education is the attraction exercised by the free teacher over the free pupil, the willing recognition by the pupil of the teacher's intellectual authority.

"The old British village knows and understands the old British parish church; it fits into the landscape; it is a familiar part of the local life. So with the elementary school; it has grown into, because for sixty years and more it has grown up with, the social life of the masses of the people. The old English town knows, too, and understands its larger churches and its cathedral; here and throughout Europe the towers and spires of the Middle Ages soar above the huddle of roofs below them and yet seem a natural part of the picture.

"So with our universities and our grammar and secondary schools, old and new; England understands them and can labour intelligently to fit them to serve the needs of each succeeding generation.

"But what of the new and startling churches of many of our great industrial cities, built as it were to order and seeming often to intrude an alien air of middle-class respectability into crowded streets

and bustling business centres? These are like too much of our modern educational legislation and administration, fine, pretentious, roomy, expensive, but representing, not what the man in the street needs, but what other people think he ought to need. Those who labour in these new structures—the teachers, like the parsons—are doing a tremendous work, but they are doing it under a severe handicap. Let us resolve in future to plan our education, not on any mere past experience or on any analogies with aristocratic traditions, but in response to a growing demand which we may indeed seek to guide but which it must be our main task to interpret and to satisfy."

## Express Man Retires



A colorful figure in the transportation field in Canada leaves active service in the retirement of J. B. Sutherland, general agent of the Canadian Pacific Express Company, Toronto, who went on pension as from the first of the year, after more than 43 years with the company. Mr. Sutherland entered the company's service as a messenger between Toronto and North Bay in September 1887. He passed through various promotions to the general agency to which he was appointed in 1926. Matters formerly referred to Mr. Sutherland are now being handled by H. Pickering, agent, Foreign Department, Canadian Pacific Express Company, Toronto.

## BOY'S £5,500 FIND.

## GOLD NUGGET WHICH WEIGHS 78lb.

A boy of 17 has found in Western Australia enough gold in one lump to keep him in modest comfort for the rest of his life. He has made what is a record gold nugget discovery for that State.

The nugget (states the Exchange) is worth £5,500, weighs 78 lb., is 26 in. in length, 12 in. wide and 3 in. thick—a veritable slab of gold.

The biggest nugget ever found in Australia was the "Welcome Stranger," which weighed 2,620 ounces, and was discovered in Victoria in 1869 in a rut made by a cart only a few inches below the surface of the ground.

## SAD YEAR END IN HARBOR.

## Decision to Discharge 600 of C.E.R. Staff.

Harbin, Dec. 25. At a private meeting of the members of the C.E.R. Board held yesterday, it was decided to discharge, 600 of the railway staff at the end of the year, but to prevent panic, instructions were given out that the local press were not to publish the information. The general manager, Mr. Rudy, having been away for nearly a month at Vladivostok and Harbin, the order could not be put into force until his return. This morning he arrived and was met at the station by all the Soviet members of the Board including the vice-President, Mr. Emshtanoff, this entirely dispelling the rumour that there was considerable friction between the two gentlemen. The discharge of so many of the railway staff will be very quietly effected and will probably not be carried out in one day.

## EXCHANGES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	11 1/4
Bank, on demand	11 1/4
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 5/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	11 15/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1 1/16
On demand	580
Credits, 4 months' sight	620
On New York—	
On demand	22 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight	23 3/4
On Bombay—	
Wire	63 1/4
On demand	63 1/4
On Calcutta—	
Wire	63 1/4
On demand	63 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	40 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	45 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 76 1/2
Dollars	4 1/4 % dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	46
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	11 1/4
Silver (per oz.)	12 1/4
Bar Silver in Hong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	2 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.94 1/2
New York	45 13/16
Brussels	34.89 1/2
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Milan	92.79 1/2
Berlin	20.43 1/2
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	45.65
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	4 5/16
Buenos Aires	37
Montevideo	25
Bombay	1 5/8
Shanghai	1 1/2
Hong Kong	11
Yokohama	2 1/2 - 13/32
Yokohama Spot	12 1/4
Silver Forward	12 1/4

## UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

## THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALASIA &amp; CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

The following unclaimed telegram is lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:—  
Vittulus, from London.

S. LACK, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, February 19, 1931.

## THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD. OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—  
Security, from Shanghai.  
Nakata, from Shibuya.

F. V. JENSEN, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, February 4, 1931.

## STANDARD TIMES.

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February 1931, (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—	
Feb.	Sunrise Sunset.
24	6.50 6.24
25	6.49 6.25
26	6.49 6.25
27	6.48 6.25
28	6.47 6.25
29	6.47 6.25

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

## Opening Daily Official Quotations 24th Feb., 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Notes	Price	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	2150	2160	Dec.	(Final) \$1 bonus \$1 for 1930 at 1/11-87 1/2 ... Pending
Chartered Bank	...	...	161	...	Dec.	(Interim) 7 1/2 free 1/11-87 1/2 ... Sep. — 80
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	221	...	Dec.	(Int. 20%) \$1 bonus 1/11-87 1/2 ... Sep. — 80
Bank of Asia	...	...	115	...	Dec.	\$3 for 1930 ... Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	...	...	1310	...	Dec.	(Final) \$27 for 1929 ... May 10, 30
Union Ins.	...	...	680	625	Dec.	(Interim) 2 1/2 for 1929 ... May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	...	...	3.65	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	...	...	530	...	Dec.	(Final) \$5 bonus \$1 for 1929 ... May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1810	...	Dec.	(Interim) \$3 1/2 for 1929 ... Mar. 25, 30
Shipping.						
Douglas	...	...	281	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ... Mar. 4, 30
H. K. Steamships	...	...	201	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1930 ... June 12, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	...	Dec.	(Int. 2 1/2 for 1929) ... Jan. 6, 31
Shell Transport	...	...	79/6	...	Dec.	(Interim) 2 1/2 for 1929 ... Mar. 10, 30
Union Waterways	...	...	37	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1930 ... Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benagat	...	...	101	...	Dec.	(Final) 40 centavos making Pao 1 for 1930 ... Dec. 20, 30
Kailash Mining Ad.	...	...	35/6	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% free 1/11-87 1/2 ... Dec. 20, 30
Langkat	...	...	61	...	Oct.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... May 6, 30
S'hai Exploration	...	...	91	...	Dec.	None
Loans	...	...	61	...	Dec.	(Final) T. 0.01 making T. 0.01 for 1930 ... Feb. 6, 31
*Rauha	...	...	401	...	Mar.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Mar. 16, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	...	...	3.50	...	...	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & S. Wharves	...	...	171 1/2	...	Dec.	\$0 for 1930 ... Pending
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	301	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ... Pending
South Ch. Mains	...	...	10	...	...	...
*China Provident	...	...	5.30	5.30	...	Last dividend for 1929 ... Sep. 12, 30
(new)	...	...	2.40	...	...	Interim T. 0.01 for 1930 ... Pending
Hongkows	...	...	374	...	Dec.	T. 0.01 for 1930 ... Pending
N. Engineering	...	...	51	...	Dec.	T. 0.01 for 1930 ... Pending
Shanghai Docks	...	...	110	...	Apr.	T. 0.01 for 1930 ... Pending
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	...	...	10.10	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands	...	...	7	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands	...	...	392	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
Humphreys (Cum Ru.)	...	...	17 1/2	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realities	...	...	2.65	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Sep. 4, 30
Chinese Estates	...	...	37	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1930 ... July 21, 30
Cotton Mills.						
*Ewon Cotton	...	...	16 1/2	10/10 10	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930 ... Pending
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	103	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 0.25 for half year 31-10-30 ... Nov. 22, 30
Zoong Sing	...	...	13	...	June	T. 0.80 for year 31-6-30 ... Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	...	...	17.70	...	Dec.	(Final) 10 centavos for 1930 ... Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	14 1/2	...	Apr.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... June 16, 30
(new)	...	...	6 1/2	...	...	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Feb. 18, 31
Star Ferry	...	...	90	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1930 ... Dec. 16, 30
*China Light	...	...	25.40	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
H. K. Electric	...	...	70 1/2	80 1/2	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
Macao	...	...	28	...	June	None
Sandakan Light	...	...	19	...	June	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
H.K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	49	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
part paid	...	...	30 1/2	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
China Buses	...	...	10	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
S'port Tractors (Ord.)	...	...	6/6	...	Sept.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
(Pref.)	...	...	10/10	...	...	...
Industrials.						
China Sugars	...	...	30 1/2	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Apr. 11, 30
Malabon Sugars	...	...	25	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Mag. Ord.	...	...	11 1/2	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Apr. 11, 30
*Pref.	...	...	11	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Apr. 11, 30
Canton Ice	...	...	3.60	...	July	None
*Cement (com.)	...	...	10.50	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
(old)	...	...	11 1/2	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
(new)	...	...	5.30	...	Dec.	(Int. 1% for 1929) ... Pending
H. K. Ropes	...	...	18.00	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929 ... Pending



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EUROPE'S ABSOLUTE  
MONARCH.Parliament of Stake  
Suspended.

## COMIC POLITICS.

Prince Louis of Monaco has taken a dramatic step by making himself absolute dictator of the Principality. He issued a decree at noon on December 26, suspending both the National and Communal Councils of Monaco.

This arrangement deprives the Monagasque population of its last voice in the government of the Principality.

"Down With The Prince." Where everything is fine, Living in the sunlight, Loving in the moonlight, And having a wonderful time. This is not the song of the Monte Carlo revolutionaries, but it might well be. Louis II., the Sovereign Prince of Monaco, and the only absolute monarch now reigning in Europe, dissolved by royal decree his Council of State and his Communal Council, and so upset the pretty kettle of fish.

Life for special correspondents at the moment is just one revolution after another, writes H. J. Greenwall, from Monte Carlo. The Daily Express sent me to Spain for a revolution, and then to Portugal to interview Major Franco, and now to Monte Carlo to describe one of the most picturesque and bloodless "revolutions" I have come across. The sky is blue, the sunshine hot and strong, and the sea is violet-hued. Everything in this fair garden is lovely. So why do they carry on with these old Spanish customs? But they do.

You see here in the Principality of Monaco, with a population of about 20,000 and with territory of about twenty square miles, they take their politics seriously.

Please do not expect me to tell you of machine-guns and barbed wire. They take their politics seriously, but voice alone counts. The man with the loudest voice and the most expansive gesticulation wins every time.

The revolution will not spoil the season; on the contrary, it will provide an added thrill. When you get tired of the casino you can go outside and see the revolution, unless it happens to be lunch-time. Then you will have to wait.

Two Powers.

There may be broken heads and some broken windows, but nothing more. But if any revolutionary hurts a visitor then they call it a foul and a revolutionary is penalised.

I just love these pretty revolutions, but they keep a rather strict eye on what is despatched to the British Press. There is no censorship as in Spain, but cables, if displeasing to the authorities, are apt to be delayed in transmission, and telephone calls suddenly get cut off, and a polite feminine voice says: "They need the line." So you see they do know something about the revolution.

The real trouble is that there are two controlling interests in Monaco; one is the prince and the other the casino. Nominally they are opposed, but in reality the casino only tolerates the prince just so long as he does not interfere with the casino. The whole life of the principality revolves around the casino.

Every man, woman, and child directly or indirectly lives on the profits of the greatest gambling shop of the world. But there are to-day many rifts in the lute—I almost wrote "loot," but perhaps I should not have said that.

The trouble has been growing because the people desire a more liberal constitution, and the subjects of the prince insist that the best jobs in the principality should go to them and not to the "foreigners" meaning the French and the Italians. The Monagasques think they should be the first to be considered, and who can blame them? The prince had the shock of his life. An eye-witness of the disturbances tells me that it was like the first act of a musical comedy with the supers getting out of hand.

The prince came back to his kingdom, and as the train crossed the frontier guns fired the traditional salute of twenty-one shots—that is to say, that the same gun fired twenty-one times. At the station there were all the members of the diplomatic corps.

Please do not laugh. There is a diplomatic corps. There was also the army which is 800 men weak; and the band and school children, and also the Cabinet and members of the Opposition.

## Policeman Stabbed.

The Prince had shaken hands with the army, and the band had played the National Anthem, when the villains of the piece began to hoot and whistle and kick up a shindy. The army, loyal to the core, began to round up manifestations, and a policeman was stabbed in the side—the only casualty. There had been a financial scandal while the prince was absent abroad, and there had been a bank smash, and a company running real estate had also smashed. The man involved in the scandal was the cousin of the Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister resigned. Subsequently the vice-Prime Minister resigned.

The prince was quite cross about the hostile demonstration. Six people were arrested and four have been sentenced to imprisonment for periods varying from one to eight months, and all four were fined. Two men were acquitted. But the most comic part of the anti-monarchical demonstration was that many members of the then Government were present, and since then they have been called upon to explain their attitude.

Of course there is a woman in the story. There always is. And there is also a handsome young prince consort, whose part in the trouble is rather like the part Maurice Chevalier played in the Love Parade. In this particular case there is no love lost. Or rather love has been lost.

The prince—Prince Pierre—married to the Princess Charlotte, the crown princess, has been exiled from Monaco. Like Maurice Chevalier in the opera scene of the Love Parade, he stole too much of the applause.

## SALESMAN SENT TO PRISON

## Charges Of Embezzlement And Fraud.

A salesman employed by the General Electric Co. was found guilty by Judge Chow in the Shanghai District Court on February 12, on a charge of defrauding his employers and on two charges of embezzlement. He was sent to prison for a year and two months.

Mr. Paul P. Y. Ru, Assistant Municipal Advocate, prosecuting, told the Court that, between October and December last year, accused obtained 1,500 electric lamps, valued at \$400, from his employers by issuing false documents which purported to have come from customers. He also issued false letters in his employers' name to a steamship company, instructing the latter to deliver certain goods to him. On October 6 and November 30 last, sums of money were paid by two Chinese stores to the complainant company through accused but he kept the money and spent it.

Det. Sub-Insp. Hebenin gave evidence of arrest and said that accused had admitted the charge and implicated another man.

Mr. T. W. Chandler, of the complainant company, corroborated and said that accused was employed by the company as a salesman and stock clerk.

Accused, pleading guilty, promised to refund the money if an opportunity were given him.

## Quebec Sets Pace In Winter Sports



Winter sports in the most historic city of the American continent—Old Quebec, cradle of New World civilization, with the Canadian Pacific Railway's beautiful Chateau Frontenac Hotel as headquarters, are again proving a drawing card for devotees from all parts of Eastern Canada and the United States. The great hotel, with its long, fast toboggan-slides on Dufferin Terrace and its spacious skating rink just outside its doors, offers something unique in the way of comfort for sports-lovers. Quebec, too, boasts a fine ski-jump and plentiful opportunities for cross-country work either on skis or snowshoes. Curling, hockey and sleighing are also staples of the winter's program, most events being rounded off with dancing in the evening.

The season is now in full swing; the International Snowshoe Convention and the ice-dance races across the St. Lawrence on January 31 and February 1; the famous Eastern Dog-Sled Derby on February 19, 20, and 21, followed by the traditional Masquerade Ball in the Chateau Frontenac's glorious ball-room, being among the highlights.

For picturesque Canada's Ancient Capital can hold its own with any city in the world and the surrounding countryside offers a host of opportunities for excursions. Snow conditions, following the great January storm, are reported excellent and those who have visited the Chateau Frontenac, either in winter or in summer, are learned that its name for hospitality, accommodation and cuisine is indeed well-earned. The pictures shown above: a typical dog-team and, right, the majestic Chateau Frontenac, towering over Quebec's Lower Town; upper centre and lower-left: ski-jumpers and, below: visitors out for a run in the Chateau Frontenac's dog-sleigh. The very youthful skiers shown middle-left are typical of how young Quebec takes to winter sports, which have become famous throughout the American continent and bring visitors and competitors over Canadian Pacific lines from most of the larger centres of Eastern Canada and the United States.

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# RADIO TOPICS

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:

5-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson-Music Co.

5-5.47 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—Song of the Sea—Song of the Sea, Stanley Holloway & Chorus with His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra (9542).

Orchestral—Song of the Sea—Lovely Ladies, Stanley Holloway & Claude Hulbert with His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra (9542).

Song—Believe Me, Irene Bordoni, Comedienne (5730).

Piccolo Duet—The Language of the Nightingale (Gennin). The Jolly Whistlers (Gennin). Jean & Pierre Gennin (178).

Chorus—"Chu-Chin-Chow"—Vocal Gems, Columbia Vocal Gem Co. (659).

Song—The Cobbler's Song (from Chu Chin Chow), Jamieson Dods, Baritone (669).

Humorous Song—More Than You Know, Ruth Etting (217).

Duet—Exactly Like You, On the Sunny Side of the Street, Layton & Johnstone (254).

Band—No Place But Home (from Ever Green), Dancing on the Ceiling (from Ever Green), Van Phillips and His Band (172).

5.47-6.30 p.m.—Concert Items.

Duet—Moon—Enchanted (Dowden & Besley), Love's Old Sweet Song (Bingham & Molloy), Dora Labbette and Hubert Elsdoll with Squire's Celeste Octet (9895).

Violin Solo—Air, (Goldmark), Sielienne & Rigaudon (Francoeur-Kreiser), Arthur Catterall (9610).

Song—Simon the Cellarer (Bollamy & Hutton), Roll On, Thou Deep and Dark Blue Ocean (Dale & Petro), Norman Allin, Bass (9807).

Octet—Chant Sans Paroles (Tchaikovsky), Invitation to the Valse (Weber), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9608).

Song—Until (Teschemacher & Sanderson), For You Alone (O'Reilly & Gehl), Arnold Lindl, Tenor (173).

6.30-7.20 p.m.—Orchestral. 7 p.m.—Stock Quotations. Hydropaten New Concert Orchestra (9388).

The Bronze Horse—Overture (Auber), The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (69).

Capriccio Espagnole (Rimsky & Koroskov), The Halle Orchestra (9716-7).

The Two Imps (Alford), Dancer of Seville (Grunow), The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (9565).

Echoes of the Valley (Gennin), The Merry Brothers (Gennin), The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (9821).

7.20-8 p.m.—Operatic. Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo (Mascagni), Milan Symphony Orchestra (9664).

Lucia Di Lammermoor—Spare Un Amaro Pianto (Donizetti), Alfin Son Tun (Donizetti), Maria Gentile, Soprano (1971).

O Vision Entrancing (Marzials & Thomas), Carmen—Flower Song (Bizet), Arthur Jordan, Tenor (9204).

Aida—Grand March (Verdi), Milan Symphony Orchestra (9608).

Carmen—The Toreador Song (Bizet), Tannhauser—O Star of Eve (Wagner), Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Chorus (9873).

8-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay. 9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc. 11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

## THE OLD DAYS.

Having now left 1930 behind, says W.L.S. in Popular Wireless, perhaps I may be permitted to suggest to 1931 that it behaves itself a little better for our purposes than did its predecessor. For all the "dud" years I can ever remember, from the point of view of short-wave radio, 1930 heads the list. May we never have another like it. By the end of this year we shall be in a position to see whether there is anything in the theory of the "eleven-year-cycle" for if there is, it will be even poorer than 1930. Nineteen thirty-two will be about the same as 1931 after which we may hope for an improvement back to the 1930 standard. A cheerful outlook, indeed, and one, I hope, which we shall not need to face. Personally, I am not a believer in the "eleven-year-cycle" business although it is an undeniable fact that since 1923 short wave conditions have gone very considerably downhill. I am rather inclined, though, to attribute this to freakish groupings of the areas of high barometric pressure and to generally curious conditions. Whatever happens

## SHORT WAVE.

### Reception Reviewed In Singapore.

Singapore, Feb. 7. VS1AB has tried a new wavelength, with, I understand, successful results. It was announced on Sunday night—when VS1AB was testing as usual on 42 metres—that on the following Wednesday the station would carry out its tests on 21 metres. Further, it was stated that probably the strength would not be as good on the lower wavelength, locally, as on 42 metres. Sunday night's programme of gramophone records came over very well; particularly the organ sonata by Elgar which was repeated later in the evening. On Sunday (tomorrow night) VS1AB will be back on the air on 42 metres.

The Perth (West Australia) station, 6 AG was busy in telephonic conversations with Bandoeng on Sunday night. The Java stations have been quite good during the past week, and especially enjoyable was the concert from Sourabaya on Tuesday evening last. It is interesting to note that PK 3 AN, Sourabaya, on 49.7 metres is being heard well in England. Has anybody been able to locate the short-wave station at Kaukuku, Hawaii on 65 metres? The question is put by a correspondent who does not state whether he has done so himself. The writer has not had the luck as yet.

On Thursday night the new Vatican station was heard testing. The station came on with great strength and without any difficulty was switched on to the loud speaker. The announcer was talking in English and called up a number of stations in England, America and elsewhere.

Saigon has led the way again and, I venture to state, will continue to do so for some time. The programmes, whether gramophone records or otherwise have been good. The news items in English have been a special feature of the week's programmes. The other night we heard all about the earthquake in New Zealand and about Captain Malcolm Campbell's attempt on the world speed record.

Other stations that have been received locally are: CJRX (Winnipeg, Canada) on about 23 metres, 2ME (Sydney, Australia), PCJ (Eindhoven, Holland) W6XN (Oakland, California) and Nairobi (Kenya Colony)—Singapore Free Press.

## RECEIVING SETS.

By the end of 1931 there will be very few crystal sets in existence, for the need for selectivity imposed by high-power transmissions will drive them out of the field. Valve sets will tend to fall into two widely different classes. There will be, first of all, the highly efficient and super-selective set containing from five to seven valves, but costing little, if any more, than the present three- or four-valved. The three-valved will not retain its popularity, since, generally speaking, its selectivity will not be found sufficient. Those who do not go in for larger sets will most likely install highly efficient two-valve sets which will do all that is required in the way of bringing in local and National programme.—Amateur Wireless.

## S.O.S. CALLS.

Between 850 and 900 S.O.S. calls, including police messages are broadcast by the B.B.C. annually. It may be interesting to note that of messages calling relatives to the bedside of persons seriously ill, just over half are successful. Of messages radiated at the request of the police for witnesses of accidents, just under half are successful. On the other hand only a fifth of the calls broadcast with the object of tracing missing persons attain their object. Of every five S.O.S. messages submitted to the B.B.C. for broadcasting only one reaches the microphone.—Amateur Wireless.

In the future, one thing seems to be certain, judging from findings during the past few years, the worse the conditions below 40 metres become, the better will they be higher up. In other words, when the wave-lengths round about 10 metres, 20 and 40 metres are behaving very poorly, 80 and 160 metres and probably the broadcast waves as well, will be abnormally good. Of course, W. L. S. was writing of conditions as experienced in Britain. But it all puts me in mind of what a reader told me recently, that in the old days—1926-27—with components and valves which were far below the standard of articles procurable at the present time, he used to get Chelmsford every night for months. Either the conditions, or else Chelmsford itself, must have been much better in those days than they are now. Personally, I have given up looking for Chelmsford.

## CURRENT FROM MAINS.

In any attempt to bring the radio installation up to date one must inevitably consider changing over from battery to mains operation. With either A.C. or D.C. mains it is easy to obtain high-tension current, by using a mains unit instead of the high-tension battery.

A suitable unit for a three-valve set deriving its high-tension current from D.C. mains costs about £2. A similar unit for A.C. mains would cost just over £3. When one remembers that these units, once installed, provide a constant current and obviate the necessity for costly battery renewal, no further recommendation is needed.

The mains supply enables one to use a large power valve and so to obtain better quality of reproduction than is possible with a small power valve.

Apart from the cost, there are some important points to be considered before scrapping the battery supply. The existing set may not be entirely suitable for mains operation. For example, all the anodes may be joined together to a common positive, high-tension feed. Where the maximum voltage of the high-tension battery is, say 108 volts, this commoning of the supplies is often done. The mains unit is capable of giving much higher voltages than the ordinary dry battery but only the last valve needs the maximum. So, before changing over from battery to mains for the high-tension supply, it is advisable to separate the anode feeds. In this way the full advantage of the mains can be derived, by applying the maximum voltage delivered by the unit to the last valve, without over-running the preceding valves.

Output Arrangements.

Very few battery-operated sets include an output transformer or choke filter circuit between the power valve and the loud-speaker. Usually the anode current of the power valve is quite small and does not greatly harm the loud-speaker winding. With mains power it is strongly recommended that the loud-speaker be isolated from the anode current. By means of an output transformer or a choke-capacity filter the anode current of the power valve is prevented from flowing through the loudspeaker winding. Only the low-frequency signal currents pass through the loud-speaker.

Before using a mains unit instead of a high-tension battery one should see that the high-tension negative lead is connected to low-tension negative and not to low-tension positive. In some old-fashioned sets the high-tension negative was taken to low-tension positive, but in modern practice it is always taken to low-tension negative.

An unsuspected action of mains units should be noted by those used to battery operation. With, say, a 120-volt battery the maximum voltage does not vary with current load. That is to say, 120-volts will be obtained when the total anode current is 3 milliamperes, just as 120 volts will be obtained if the current is increased to 12 milliamperes. But with a mains unit the maximum voltage varies as the current load is varied.

For example, a unit rated at 160 volts for a 30-milliamperes load might give 180 volts maximum if the load were only 10 milliamperes. Care is therefore necessary in buying a unit to suit the current requirements of the set.

With A.C. mains, the elimination of the low-tension accumulator is just as easy as the elimination of the high-tension battery. Two good alternatives are available. One can retain the accumulator and charge it from what is known as a trickle charger, costing about £2. By this means the accumulator can be kept in a fully-charged condition. The average three- or four-valve set takes about 5 ampere filament current. The average trickle charger has a charging rate of 5 ampere.

### An Alternative System.

The alternative to retaining the accumulator and charging it is to dispense with the accumulator by using valves whose filaments are heated by mains current. This can be done only with A.C. mains supplies. The supply voltage is transformed down to 4 volts and at this voltage the present-day mains valve is designed to operate taking 1 ampere current. Due to the robust filament, the mains valve is much more efficient than the battery valve. For this reason the completely mains-driven set is greatly superior in performance to a battery set, even if the battery set has a mains unit for the high-tension supply.—Amateur Wireless.

## RHODESIAN UNION.

### STRONGLY BRITISH COMMUNITY.

Only a few years ago the prospects of union between Southern and Northern Rhodesia seemed very remote.

Southern Rhodesia, the beloved child of Rhodes's dreams, had been fostered through its infancy by the old Chartered Company, and had obtained self-government; the land was prosperous and contented, and needed no help from outside.

Northern Rhodesia was poor and still in the early stages when the prospector and the pioneer were almost the only men who stoutly maintained that her future would be great.

Hints then at the desirability of Union all came from the North. But conditions changed in the bewildering manner of South Africa. The discovery and development of the great copper-fields of the North have turned the eyes of all Rhodesians northwards, and now it is Northern Rhodesia who accuses the Southern State of courting her when she is wealthy, after spurning her in her days of poverty. Recently the prospects of Union have come much closer, and are now discussed as one of the problems of the day.

The main reason which has pushed this question to the front is the steady increase of the white population, which is predominantly British.

For two years there has been a steady drift of British colonists from the Union into Southern and Northern Rhodesia.

One reason for this migration is undoubtedly distrust of the policy

of the Imperial Government, and as Northern Rhodesia is now in touch with the whole country up to the Great Lakes, the uneasiness of the white settlers in Kenya has had its reactions also.

### Payments to South Africa.

There is undoubtedly a widespread impatience with the somewhat pedantic methods of a Colonial Office, which produces White Papers that are excellent in theory, but which seems incapable of believing that this community of high-bred, educated British settlers wish just as well towards the native as does any philanthropist who has ever seen Africa.

Another and more acute feeling of distrust is urging Rhodesians towards union; that is their sentiment towards their powerful southern neighbours. They distrust and dislike the whole trend of policy during recent years in the Union of South Africa.

Rhodesia is strongly—sometimes almost defiantly—British. There is no constant racial bickering, no bilingualism, no well-founded accusations of "jobs for pals" in that great Northern land.

Rhodesia feels that she is contributing heavily to the revenues of the Union in import duties and railway freights, and is getting nothing in return. Her feelings are all turning to the North, East, and West—anywhere but the South.—London Morning Post Correspondent.

## SIR WILLIAM BULL.

### SUDDEN DEATH AFTER MAKING WITTY SPEECH.

London, Jan. 24. At the conclusion of a humorous after-dinner speech at Frome, Somerset, the Rt. Hon. Sir William Bull, the leading protagonist of the Channel tunnel scheme, collapsed and died.

Sir William, who was 67 years of age, had had a long and distinguished career. He was senior partner in the firm of Bull and Bull, solicitors, and a director of many companies. He became Conservative M. P. for Hammersmith in 1900, for Hammersmith (South) from 1918 to 1929, and chairman of the London Unionist M.P.s from 1910 to 1929.

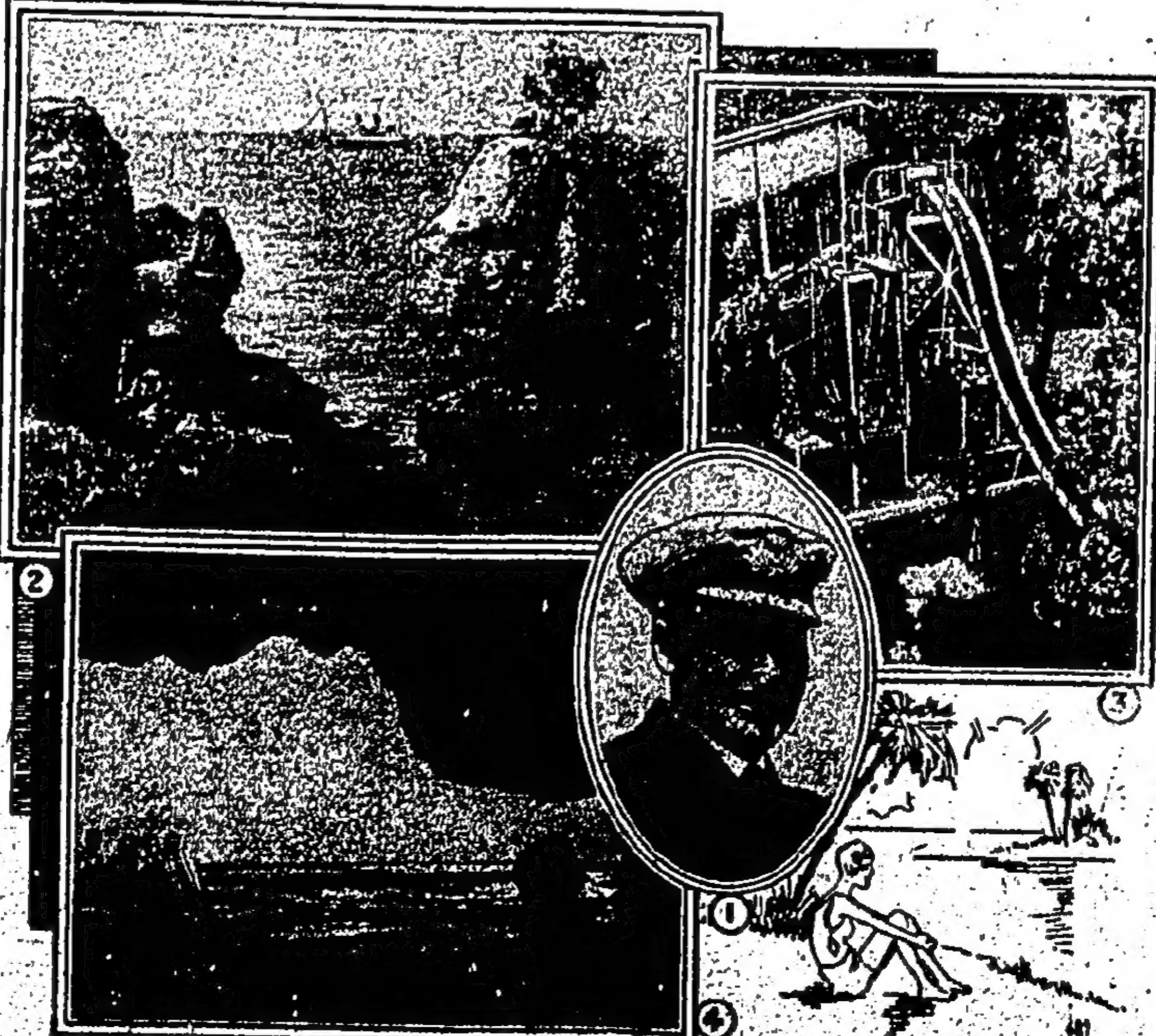
Sir William was connected with many societies and institutions and was a member of the Rubber and Tin Export Committee. He was a prolific writer and his trenchant articles were published in many newspapers.

He is succeeded by his son Stephen, who is 26 years of age.

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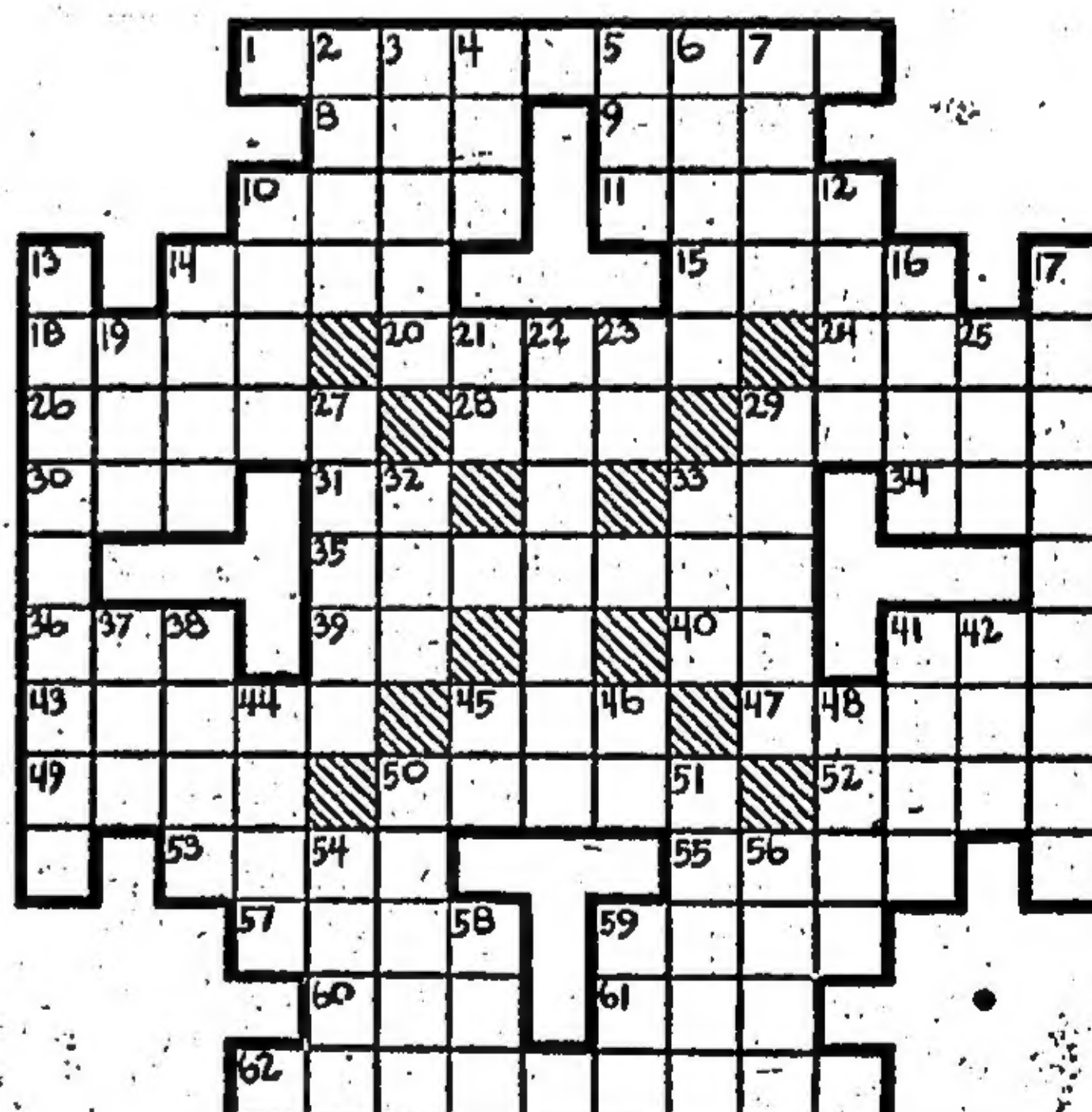
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b><br>1—Movie center<br>2—Combining form—two<br>3—Poetic name of India<br>4—A red wine<br>5—Blind<br>6—Morbidly tender<br>7—Metal-bearing rocks<br>8—Burden<br>9—Marked by severity<br>10—Exhausted<br>11—Removed the pore of the skin<br>12—Unit<br>13—Pertaining to Asia<br>14—Garden tool<br>15—Egyptian sun god<br>16—Like<br>17—Grassy field<br>18—Nutrient<br>19—To observe<br>20—Personal pronoun<br>21—To execute<br>22—Combining form—equal<br>23—City of N.W. Italy<br>24—Human being (pl.)<br>25—Partaking to the kidneys | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b><br>26—Discoverer of Greenland<br>27—American buffalo<br>28—Prefix—against<br>29—Close to<br>30—Worthless leavings<br>31—The blackhorn<br>32—An Egyptian goddess<br>33—Female sheep<br>34—Short for Theodore<br>35—Central State of the U. S.<br><b>VERTICAL</b><br>36—Small<br>37—Entices<br>38—Destiny<br>39—Humor<br>40—Strong-flavored vegetable<br>41—A river in Germany<br>42—To pasture<br>43—Uses needle and thread<br>44—A city in New York | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b><br>45—Certain<br>46—To stain<br>47—Capital of Maryland<br>48—Now (Scott)<br>49—Toward<br>50—Foot<br>51—Musical note<br>52—A rose (Scott)<br>53—Pulled<br>54—Founder of Astoria, Ore.<br>55—A drink<br>56—Conjunction<br>57—A confining (abbr.)<br>58—Ireland<br>59—Taverns<br>60—Rested<br>61—Freezes<br>62—Musical note<br>63—Negative<br>64—Consumes<br>65—A color<br>66—Organs of smelling<br>67—To the fee side<br>68—To be borne along<br>69—Even, contracted<br>70—Possessive pronoun |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



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## WANCHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

asked me if I wanted my rifle. I said "Yes, please," and she went to the kitchen and brought me a plate of fish. Then she went behind me, whether into the bedroom or not I cannot say. I was just taking up my knife and fork when I heard three shots. The first two were in rapid succession, then there was a pause and a third shot. The last one burnt my arm.

Muzzle Pointing Upwards. "I turned round and saw prisoner with a pistol in her left hand. The muzzle was pointing upwards. She would be about three or four feet away. I rushed at her and took the gun from her, throwing her on the floor in the struggle. I then picked up my hat, put the revolver in my pocket and went to the Police Station. I had previously called the amah, and told her to get the Police. She rushed out at once. Prisoner was lying on the floor when I went out. She called out to me "Shoot me before you go." I did not reply, but walked out."

Answering Mr. d'Almada witness said that prisoner was normally right-handed. Before she came to live with him he had known her a month. She kept a boarding house at that time. That was in October, 1924. Later the boarding house was closed, and they went to live together as man and wife. The suggestion did not come from him. Mrs. Xavier made the suggestion, and witness concurred.

The Gambling Habit. There had been continual bickering, not of a very serious nature, principally due to Mrs. Xavier's habit of going out gambling, to which witness objected. Finally, about December 4- or 5, it was mutually agreed that they should separate, the time fixed being the end of January.

Witness did not recall the question of separation cropping up on Boxing Day. His decision was quite final, and appeared to have been accepted as such by prisoner. Might Have Shot Herself. In answer to Mr. d'Almada as to why he took immediate hold of the revolver, Mr. Mantou said that he did so in order that there could be no further shooting. She might have shot herself or him, witness added.

Mr. d'Almada:—The defendant was standing quite close to you—once she was behind you there was nothing to stop her from getting

right against you and shooting the revolver?

Witness replied that that was so. He could not see what went on behind him as (he agreed with Counsel) there was not mirror in front.

Mr. d'Almada:—You yourself did not know what actually happened—except that three shots went through you.

Witness:—Yes. Recalling December 5 (the day on which Mr. Mantou and prisoner had agreed to separate) Counsel for de-

## STOP PRESS

Berlin, Yesterday.  
The death occurred to-day of Admiral von Capelle, who succeeded von Tirpitz as Secretary of State for the Navy in 1916.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.  
A bomb has been found on top of the Presidential Palace at Havana, (the President resides on the upper floor). Twenty suspects were arrested to-day and a heavy guard placed in the Palace.

Ten Police and 50 workers were wounded on Saturday during a clash. Seventeen head students of Havana High School were imprisoned for sedition.—Reuter's American Service.

fence, asked Mr. Mantou if it was correct to say that prisoner was very reluctant to leave him?

Mr. Mantou replied in the affirmative. In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Mantou said that he was wearing his uniform at the time of the shooting.

Relations Still Friendly. Foreman of the Jury:—When you and the prisoner agreed to separate, were your relationships still friendly?

Mr. Mantou:—Yes. Replying to Mr. d'Almada, Mr. Mantou said that he could not think of any reason as to why the prisoner should have shot him.

Chau To, amah, was the next witness called. She stated that in De-

cember last year, she was employed by prisoner. On the day in question she was in the kitchen preparing tea, when she heard a noise, something like that of fire crackers. This was at about ten minutes past one o'clock. Witness came out of the kitchen to see what was the matter, and looking towards the rooms, saw Mr. Mantou with a firearm in his hand.

Counsel for Crown:—Where was the mistress?

"I Have Shot Your Master."

Amah:—She was sitting down on the floor. My master then told me to go and fetch a policeman. I went out but I could not find a police constable, and my master went out himself. I came back again and saw my mistress. I said: "Mistress—what is the matter?" She said "Nothing. I have shot your master."

Mr. Fitzroy: What did you say? Witness:—When she told me that, I said: "Mistress, you must pay me off." (Laughter).

Mr. Fitzroy:—Say anything more to you? Amah:—I did nothing else and said nothing else. The mistress went down herself. I remained on the floor till the Police came.

Owner Of The Revolver.

The next witness was Mr. Reinaldo Gustavo Xavier, manager of the Hong Kong Printing Press, and living at 4, Hanoi Road, Kowloon. He stated that prisoner was his sister-in-law, and that the revolver was his, he having had it since 1924. He kept it in a box, which was locked up in a wardrobe in his children's nursery at 4, Hanoi Road. It was loaded and the last time he saw it was during last summer.

In reply to Counsel for the defence, Mr. Xavier said he always kept the revolver well greased and oiled.

Mrs. Cecilia Maria Xavier (sister of the prisoner) gave evidence to say that prisoner visited her very frequently in Kowloon. At ten o'clock on the morning of December 27, she called on witness, and after a little conversation, witness went for her bath. She left her bunch of keys somewhere in the room. When she came out of her bath, prisoner had left already. At lunch time she found her keys in the lock of the wardrobe, where the revolver was kept. She did not open the wardrobe.

Witness: In reply to Mr. Fitzroy, said that she discovered the revolver was missing, on receipt of a letter, which the Crown produced. The trial is proceeding.

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